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and took away all the old doors.  
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tidied up after they finished.

**Mr A Walters, Crowborough**  
Fantastic service.  
Excellent fitters.  
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**Miss Rowe, Maidstone**  
Your workmen were polite, very hard  
working and came across as genuine,  
helpful people. The best yet, from all  
the work I have had done by Britelite.

4th February 2009

**Mr Wood, Tonbridge**  
Both teams worked very hard and were  
clean in their habits and work. Both  
very polite and answered all my questions  
and cleaned up after themselves.

**Mr Walder, Sittingbourne**  
Very pleased with the standard  
of work, even though it was only  
a front door. Friendly fitter who  
tidied up after himself. Hope to  
use again in the future for windows  
and possible conservatory.

**Mrs A Atkins, Dartford**  
I am very happy with my new  
windows. Your fitters were very polite  
and cleaned up afterwards. They  
worked fast and efficiently. I will be  
recommending Britelite to anyone who  
needs replacement windows and doors.

**Mrs Hicks, East Sussex**  
A good job and  
well done.

6th February 2009

**Mrs J Lind, Barnhurst**  
Pleasant good workers.

**Mr & Mrs Jones, Maidstone**  
Very pleasant fitters who obviously  
knew their job. We are very pleased  
with the installation. Thank you.

**Mr L E Taylor, Crowborough**  
All the teams worked very well and  
were very helpful. The top team  
worked on to finished the job and did  
not leave until after 8 pm. Thanks to  
all concerned on a good job well done.

**Mr A Alexandrou, Sandwich**  
Extremely satisfied with the installation  
and the professionalism of the  
installers. Would definitely consider  
Britelite for further work in the future.

**Mr & Mrs Walton, Cliftonville**  
Very satisfied with workmanship of  
the two young men who  
fitted the windows.

9th February 2009

**Mr A Seward, Swanscombe**  
Top Team have been just what  
where do you find such hard  
working polite men? It has been  
great having them here to do our  
work. Well done to the fitters.

**Mr A Davis, Sittingbourne**

I researched for weeks on who to get to  
replace all my windows and doors. I am  
personally sure you are the best by far. The whole journey has  
been first class from the initial on pressure  
salesman and to the helpful surveyor to  
the very professional fitters who kept me  
informed at all times and were extremely  
friendly. Nothing was too much trouble for  
them, a first class job and a very very happy  
customer who will definitely recommend  
them to everyone and I will not consider  
anyone else for future work I need.

10th February 2009

**Mrs E Peacock, Broadstairs**  
The work was carried out efficiently and  
cleanly. Everywhere was left in perfect  
condition. A job well done, thank you.

11th February 2009

**J R Cooper, Rainham**  
Very impressed, both men  
never stopped working.

12th February 2009

**Mr J Butcher, Ashford**  
Could not fault the installers. They  
did not stop working from the  
moment they arrived - very pleased.

13th February 2009

**Mrs S Scottsmur, Sittingbourne**  
The fitters were friendly and  
extremely competent at their job,  
and left the site clean and tidy.

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**Mr T Hills, Dartford**

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standard. The fitters  
were extremely  
quick. Very little  
disruption and very  
tidy. Many thanks.

**Mr & Mrs Hopkin, Canterbury**  
Very friendly workmen, came in and  
got on with the job. Cleared up  
after, left no mess and did fantastic  
job. Very pleased with and result.

**Mr & Mrs Judd, Marden**  
The four men worked well as a team  
and installed 9 windows between  
8.30am and 3.00pm they were very  
pleasant and competent. They  
left the house and surrounding  
area clean and tidy. We are very  
pleased with the finished result  
and cannot believe how quickly the  
task was executed. Thank you

**Mrs S Miles, Folkestone**

Found your fitters to be very cheerful,  
friendly and cleared away all  
debris. Would recommend you to  
anyone thinking of improvements.

**Mr & Mrs Gray, Chatham**

As usual your team were very  
professional, polite and courteous.  
They cleared after themselves and left  
my home tidy we are very pleased with  
our conservatory roof. Well done! (This  
is the third time we used Britelite)

16th February 2009

**Mr Fenley & Miss Doyle, Dartford**  
The group of fitters were very polite,  
efficient and very helpful. I was really at  
ease having them in my home, which they  
respected. They worked hard to finish the job,  
no rushing, just a good finish. Thank you.

**Mr & Mrs McManus, Welling**  
Extremely pleased with the way fitters  
worked. A nice clean tidy installation.

**Ms V Rogerson, Ashford**  
Very hard workers and polite and courteous.

**Mr Leake, Ashford**

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enthusiastic and  
pleasant members  
of staff.

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The fitters are good clean workers  
good job well done. We have been  
using Britelite since the late 1970's

**Mr S Clark, Sittingbourne**

Very pleased with the windows,  
service and fitting.

**Miss Mist, Dartford**

Your workmen were very pleasant,  
very tidy and very, very quick.  
Everyone was impressed.

**Mrs P Kitley, Rainham**

The fitters were polite, helpful and precise.  
I felt at ease with them in my home.

**Mr & Mrs Nichols, Maidstone**

Once again well done Britelite as  
with our conservatory the service was  
excellent and the installers could not  
have been better. From the sales to  
the finished product a job well done.

**Mrs Sinclair, Maidstone**

I am very impressed with the team that  
fitted my new door. They both worked  
so hard and were very professional.  
There was no mess to clean up either.  
They did a fantastic job. Thank you.

**Ms P Clowes, London**

Great windows, great price, top  
of the market product at a very  
reasonable price. Great staff too.

**Miss Hoare, Tonbridge**

We have been most impressed with the  
service we have received. The estimate was  
received on the day of our initial enquiry,  
the installation has taken place well in  
the projected time-scale. Your installers  
were punctual, polite and efficient.

**Mrs Tehrani, Walmes**

Workmanship and  
helpfulness excellent.  
I have already received  
several comments  
on how good the  
new door looks.

**Miss Turner & Mr**

**Leadbitter, Folkestone.**  
Very tidy finish and the window  
looks great. Thanks

20th February 2009

**Mrs I Sanfys, Cliffeswoods**  
The two men who fitted my door were  
efficient and pleasant in manner.

23rd February 2009

**Mr S Tole, Croydon**

Excellent service throughout.

**Mr Aldous, Ramsgate**

Fitter very clean and tidy. Very  
happy with windows would  
recommend to others.

**Mr Weekes, Ashford**

We are very pleased with our new  
windows and front door. The quality  
and workmanship is excellent. The  
installation team were very clean and  
quick. We had no mess or damage  
anywhere well done. Both the sales  
rep and the surveyor were so helpful  
in making sure we got what we  
asked for we would not hesitate to  
recommend Britelite to anybody.

**Mrs Gracies, Greenford**

Very pleased with  
the windows and  
doors very good  
workmanship.

**Mr & Mrs Sears, Maidstone**

The salesman was a pleasure to deal  
with. The base & top teams were  
extremely hard working and completed  
the job to a high standard would  
have no hesitation in recommending  
Britelite to friends and family.

All testimonials are genuine and can be inspected at Britelite's Show Centre

These are just a few of the testimonials we received since February 2009



## THEY WANT YOUR VOTE

**Inside:** A full list of all the runners and riders in next week's county council elections



# BARRY HITS BACK OVER POLYTUNNELS

■ BY EMILY HALL

**CELEBRITY** boxer Barry McGuigan has vowed to fight plans to place 18 hectares of plastic polytunnels yards from his front door.

The former world featherweight champion is fuming over proposals by S&A Produce to stick the "monstrosities" near his home in Faversham.

The idea originally surfaced last year when fruit grower S&A decided it wanted the 8,000 tunnels to grow thousands of luxury strawberries.

But Swale council threw out the application, saying the tunnels, which would cover the equivalent of 68 football pitches, were too high and too



**PROTEST:** Ex-world champ Barry McGuigan close to neighbouring properties.

Now the application has been tweaked and resubmitted – and is not proving sweet with locals.

Mr McGuigan, whose 17th century Grade-II listed manor house lies close to the site to the north west of the A299 Thanet Way, said: "We're all very upset about it."

Picture: Lill

"The visual impact will be devastating and it will be devastating to the wildlife. These things are unsightly monstrosities and the land could be used for much better purposes."

"The noise from the rain battering down on them, the pesticides, and they say they're going to build a reservoir, I just do not understand how they're going to do it."

"There's also a world grain shortage, yet this company want to grow luxury strawberries. It just seems like greed."

The boxer, who won Hell's Kitchen in 2007, added: "We are going to go to planning meetings and object as best we can. We pay our taxes to keep these people in office. They owe us."

Primary school teacher Kerry Parsons lives in a Grade-II listed Tudor house near to the site with her

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## MEDIEVAL MAYHEM

Knights and squires will take to the streets of Faversham next month for the popular Medieval Fair.

The event will see entertainers, authentic music, the notorious stocks and pillory, as well as games from the Middle Ages, entertain families.

This year's pageant is on Sunday, June 28 from 10.30am in the Market Place. **FULL STORY ON PAGE 3**

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**CLOSING DOWN SALE:** Woolworths, one of biggest high street casualties of the credit crunch

# Retailer ready to step into Woolies' shoes

■ BY NICK AMES

**THE** Woolworths store in the town centre is set to be the home of a new retailer by the end of summer.

The property is under offer and the estate agents who took it on expect a lease to be signed in the next few weeks.

But they say they cannot reveal the name of the retailer involved as it could jeopardise negotiations.

London-based Matthews Goodman is the company behind the sale.

Spokesman Hugh Kemsley said: "The premises are currently under offer and the matter is in the hands of solicitors."

"That is all I can say at the moment. But I can confirm it is a retail company involved."

"The building is not going to be turned into flats or a restaurant."

"I expect the lease to be signed and in place by the end of June."

The popular store closed for business when Woolworths across the country folded – one of the most high profile victims of the high street credit crunch.

Its prominent location in the Market Square made the store one of the most visited in the town.

It was also one of the oldest branches in the county and had been a focal point of Faversham for decades.

The closure led to speculation that the whole of the town centre may suffer as shoppers chose to go elsewhere.

This has not really happened, but news that the store is set to reopen – albeit under a different name – has been greeted with delight by members of the local business community.

Lawrence Young, of the Faversham Enterprise Partnership, said: "This is great news for our town."

"All the members of the partnership will be looking forward to working with whoever comes in and takes over the building."

"The news that it is a retailer is even better because they will fit in with what is on offer at other businesses in the immediate area."

"It is the shopping centre of the town so a retailer is most appropriate."

"The problems with Woolworths were on a national level but the closure of the store was certainly detrimental to the town."

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**NEWS** IN BRIEF

## Councillors to discuss shopping centre plans

**PLANS** for a major shopping development along Bysing Wood Road in Faversham are due to be discussed by Swale councillors tomorrow.

The development has been put forward by London-based Wilton House Estates. It calls for non-food retail floorspace, car-parking and access provision for shoppers.

The main trade of the out-of-town outlets would be DIY goods, furniture, furnishings and electrical materials, according to the proposal.

A mini-roundabout would also have to be put in place to allow traffic to get to the site without causing hold-ups.

Council officers say the development is in line with the local plan and would also create jobs.

## Coat offers Quant-um of solace to collector

**A MARY** Quant designed plastic mac from the 1960s is one of a number of items donated to the Faversham Society, which collects and preserves treasures from the town's past and puts them on display.

Postcards of East Street and Preston Street were also donated to the group, which has a unique collection of items documenting local history and the development of the area.

Formed in 1962, the society was set up to help preserve the character and history of the market town.

It now operates a Visitor Information Centre from the Fleur de Lis building in Preston Street.

## Town mayor to stay on for another term

**THE** Mayor of Faversham will continue in the office for the second year running.

At the recent mayor making ceremony Cllr Ted Wilcox pledged to devote his time to more civic activities this year – despite attending 50 during his first term of office.

The mayor was proposed by Cllr Tom Gates – the man responsible for the mayor's 'Santa' nickname because of his white beard.

The role is an extremely historic one. The first mayor is believed to have been Robert Dod, nominated as part of King Henry III's 1252 town charter.

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# Enjoy a journey back into the Middle Ages

■ BY NICK AMES

THE town is set to plunge back in time next month as the popular Faversham Medieval Fair takes over the streets.

It will feature street entertainment, authentic music, fun and games for all the family, the notorious stocks and pillory as well as games from the Middle Ages.

The event has been established for more than six years and is a highlight in the town's calendar.

The 2009 pageant is on Sunday, June 28, from 10.30am in the Market Place. The event offers themed fun for all the family set against the backdrop of the Market Town of Kings.

## Entertainers

A spokesman for the event said: "There is no admission charge to Faversham Medieval Fair, but Poll Tax Collectors will circulate during the course of the day. Be prepared. All money collected will be donated to a local charity.

"The day's attractions will include market stalls, side shows, street entertainers, a children's fancy dress competition and treasure hunt, the stocks and pillory which give people a chance to soak their friends, and back by popular demand - Poxo Pam's People and their unique brand of dancing.

"Also appearing this year are Justin Time and John the Juggling Jester, as well as Mr Mystery. Stage Antics drama group will perform the maypole dance and a small play.



TRADITIONS: Street entertainment and the popular stocks and pillory are all part of Faversham's annual Medieval Fair

New for this year is the archaeological road-show which will showcase treasures from the area's past.

This will involve members of the Faversham Society archaeological research group who will be exhibiting medieval finds from digs in the town and will be available to identify finds from people's gardens brought to them on the day.

The spokesman added: "We would like to encourage everyone taking part to dress in the spirit of the event, including stallholders.

"In order to make the 2009 Pageant as successful as those of previous years, we would be grateful for any offers of assistance, whether as sponsorship, goods and services or volunteers to help out on the day itself."

## Report on Roman site excavation

A REPORT has just been published into the excavation of Roman remains just outside Teynham.

The survey was carried out by the Kent Archaeological Field School, next to a spring known as the Hog Brook, just north of the A2 - the route of the former Roman road known as Watling Street.



It was also close to the site of a villa dating from the early 2nd century until the 5th century, which was excavated by Faversham archaeologist Dr Paul Wilkinson.

The investigation also revealed that the modern field boundaries in the area closely followed what are known to be the classic agricultural ground designs used by the Romans.

According to experts from the school, based in Graveney Road, Faversham, the latest building uncovered appears to have been used as a store room for farm produce.

It had its own route to the Swale channel via a specially dug canal - which would have enabled goods taken on the water to be loaded on to galleys and so taken either to the continent or London.

Its walls were constructed of Kentish ragstone and items recovered from the site include pottery, some of which can be identified as originating between AD 80 and 110.

Also uncovered was an Anglo-Saxon brooch dating from around 300 years later.

The area is an important site for Roman remains and several other sites have been identified.

These include a probable Roman Temple very close to Teynham Church, a Roman-Celtic place of worship next to the ruined church at Buckland and two other villas within a couple of miles.

## Plastic tunnels would 'shrink wrap' home

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE  
banker husband Martin. She told Yoursware that the tunnels would practically shrink wrap her home in plastic.

She said: "We are going to be partially stranded amongst plastic. The distance from our kitchen door to the tunnels will be about 13 metres.

"They say there is sufficient hedging and I wouldn't be visually impacted by it, but that is rubbish."

When last year's application was submitted S&A told planning officials the 8,000 polytunnels would create 180 jobs and 1,200 tonnes of strawberries a year.

Jason Davies-Baker, site director of S&A, which operates from Hernehill Nurseries, said: "It's to expand our business. The only place it will really be seen is by people driving along the Thanet Way and who does that really affect?"

He added that since the last application was submitted the company had reduced the height of the polytunnels to 4.75 metres and had also increased the distance between the plastic and any boundaries.

The application has been recommended for approval at tomorrow's Swale council planning meeting.

## Police call for 'eyes and ears' to help keep coast clear

POLICE have appealed to people who regularly visit the coast - and particularly boat owners - to be their "eyes and ears" when it comes to investigating illegal activity at sea.

They want help in the fight against terrorism, people smuggling and drug running, as well as less serious crimes.

The move is part of a new initiative called "Project Kraken" which aims to tackle crime and security threats affecting the marine community - from vandalism and theft, to national security issues.

This police initiative shows how the maritime user community can play key role by being the ears and eyes in coastal locations. The counter terrorism hotline is 0800 789321.

It is part of a strategy that seeks to improve the information on all aspects of the marine community.

A police spokesman said: "The covert operations and sensitive

inquiries carried out by specialist police teams, such as Special Branch Frontier Operations, might sometimes seem a world away from day to day matters in the community.

"But information from the people within the community can prove vital, particularly in relation to drugs supply, immigration crime and terrorism."

Detective Sergeant Simon Hiscock, from Kent Police Frontier Operations, said: "It is the marine community that are our eyes and ears.

"What you tell us contributes to an intelligence picture and operational profile that helps us support tactics to address both local and national needs.

"Sometimes the public are unaware of the key role that they can play in community intelligence gathering and the difference they can make to other people's quality of life."

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## Faversham

Shirley Kathleen Allen – UK Independence Party  
Tom Gates – Conservative\*  
Gary Miller – Green Party  
Trevor Raymond Payne – The Labour and Co-operative Party  
Stephen Rowstone – Liberal Democrat

## Sheerness

David Paul Cassidy – Independent  
Angela Harrison – Labour\*  
Colin Leopold Howe – Liberal Democrat  
Ken Pugh – Conservative  
Graeme William Sergeant – British National Party

## Sheppey

Adrian Derwent Crowther – Conservative\*  
Colin McCarthy Stewart – British National Party  
Patricia Maureen Sandle – Independent  
David Thomas Sargent – Labour  
David John Spurling – Liberal Democrat  
Mad Mike Young – Monster Raving Loony Party

## Swale Central

Two seats, one currently held by Cllr Brenda Simpson (Con) who is standing down  
Dave Manning – Liberal Democrat  
Sheikh Mihand – Monster Raving Loony Party  
Keith Nevols – Liberal Democrat  
Roger Truelove – Labour\*  
Ghlin Whelan – Labour  
Mike Whiting – Conservative  
Allan Willicombe – Conservative

## Swale East

Andrew Harry Thomas Bowles – Conservative\*  
David John Evans – Liberal Democrat  
Sarah Larkins – UK Independence Party  
Ken Rowles – Labour  
Timothy Randall Valentine – Green

## Swale West

Mike Baldock – Labour  
Keith Anthony Ferrin – Conservative\*  
Elvie Lowe – Liberal Democrat

\*currently holds seat

# Leave your mark

■ BY EMILY HALL

**VOTERS** will go to the polls to elect county councillors on June 4.

In Swale 26 candidates are fighting for seats in the borough's six wards. Each party told Yourswale why they deserve your vote.

The Labour Party are fielding seven candidates in Swale and accept they are fighting for seats at a time when the national political scene is not in their favour.

Labour currently has 20 seats on the county council to the Tories' 57 and there is a widespread expectation that the county's opposition party will find it hard to maintain their present position.

"It will not be good for the people of Swale to see the Tories increase their grip on Kent any more. There has been too much waste already and we cannot see this area being the beneficiary of a Conservative monopoly in Kent," said Cllr Roger Truelove, who holds the Swale Central seat for the party.

"For Labour, the big battlegrounds in Swale will be in the Sheerness Division where Angela Harrison, the party's chief whip, will be fighting off a Tory challenge and the intervention of the BNP, and in Swale Central where I will be defending one of the two seats, and where Labour hope Ghlin Whelan can take the second seat from the Conservatives."

He said Labour were committed to seeing the completion of the Rushenden Link Road and the Northern Relief Road in Sittingbourne and also wanted to see a better anti-flooding strategy in the area, improvements in public transport and a better school admission process.

The Liberal Democrats have also put forward seven candidates.



Elvie Lowe, who is trying to swipe the Swale West seat off Cllr Keith Ferrin (Con), said the party was sick of watching the Conservative-run county council fritter away taxpayers' money: "We want to stop the waste and the spending on shameless self-promotion and actually put in the services people want to see.

"We want to see the potholes and pavements mended and more money put into schools.

"KCC have allowed a £33 million backlog of school repairs to build up and there is just £11 million in the budget to repair them, meaning a third of them will not get done.

"Our kids deserve to be schooled in a healthy and safe place.



"We also plan to stop inappropriate development in the countryside."

The Green Party is fielding two candidates, Gary Miller in Faversham and Timothy Valentine, in Swale East, a ward currently held by Conservative Andrew Bowles.

Mr Valentine said he was interested in making communities more sustainable by improving public transport, securing faster commuting times and ensuring that any new housing developments were well placed and well serviced by doctors, schools and shops.

He also said he opposed out of town developments and was keen to get more affordable housing in rural communities.

## ...and have a say on European

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

**VOTERS** will head to the polls next week for the European Parliamentary Elections.

The mammoth elections, to be held on Thursday, June 4, will see 72 UK candidates take up the position of MEPs.

A total of 133 candidates have put themselves forward for the South East region and will battle it out for just 10 seats.

All the major parties are represented, along with other groups such as No2EU: Yes to Democracy, The Peace Party, United Kingdom First and The Jury Team.

The European elections use a proportional representation voting system in which the number of seats each party wins is calculated

according to the share of the vote they achieve.

The main parties' mini manifestos are below. The Liberal Democrats were approached but did not respond in time.

### Conservatives

We believe in an open, flexible Europe in which countries work to achieve shared goals rather than the ever greater centralisation of power in Brussels.

We believe that in democracies nothing lasting can be built without the people's consent –

and yet people have been denied their say on the renamed EU Constitution.

A Conservative Government would amend the 1972 European Communities Act so any future EU Treaty that transfers powers from the United Kingdom to the European Union would be subject to a referendum of the British people.



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# on county elections...



**CANDIDATES:**  
Among the hopefuls after your votes are, from left, Roger Truelove (Labour), Elvie Lowe (Liberal Democrat), Sarah Larkins (UKIP) and Andrew Bowles (Conservative).



Shirley Allen is one of two UK Independence Party candidates standing. Mrs Allen, who is married with five children and five grandchildren, will contest Faversham, while Sarah Larkins will fight for the Swale East ward.

Mrs Allen, a former foster carer who has lived in Faversham for 28 years, helped found the town's Neighbourhood Watch scheme and the local branch of Victim Support. She hopes to retain the town's character while strengthening local employment opportunities.

It is the first time fellow UKIP candidate Mrs Larkins has stood. She said she wanted to cut red tape and give local schools and councils independence.

She added: "I am strongly opposed to the rural over-development of our beautiful Garden of England and believe in the re-instatement of weekly refuse collections whilst still recycling."

Meanwhile the ruling Conservatives are fielding seven candidates in the six wards.

Tom Gates will be fighting to keep his perpetually Tory Faversham seat, while councillors Adrian Crowther, Andrew Bowles and Keith Ferrin will be fighting off opposition in the Sheppey, Swale East and Swale West wards respectively.

The Conservatives were approached but did not respond in time for our press deadline.

## Parliament as well

The British people must be in charge of their future in Europe. A Conservative Government would never join the Euro.

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Global recession needs global solutions – this Labour Government is working internationally, nationally and locally to get people through these tough times and build a better future.

### UKIP

The UK Independence Party is committed to withdrawing Britain from the European Union.

As the debate on the Lisbon Treaty has now made clear, the EU agenda is complete political union, with all the main functions of national government taken over by

the bureaucratic institutions of Brussels.

UKIP believes this is not only bad for Britain's economy and prosperity, but it is an alien system of government that will ultimately prove to be totally unacceptable to the British people.

UKIP would replace Britain's membership of the European Union with the kind of agreements on free trade and co-operation that we thought we had signed up to when we first joined what was then called the European Economic Community.

### Green Party

The Green Party is fighting for a Greener Europe.

The party supports a Europe-wide expansion of energy conservation and renewable energy to resist climate change and create useful jobs. Coal and nuclear power stations must be phased out.

An improved commitment to social justice is a key Green concern.

A Green New Deal in Europe must include more democracy, including referenda on aspects of EU policies, and more powers for the European Parliament over the un-elected Commission.

The Common Fisheries and Common Agricultural Policies should be closed down in favour of environmentally-based policies run by national governments.



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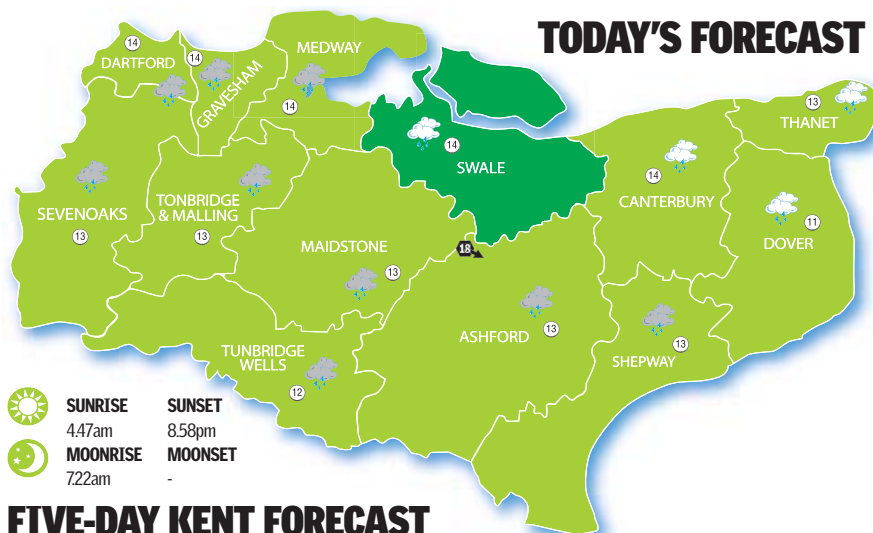
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Dungeness	Saturday	4:21pm	6.8m
	Sunday	5:27pm	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:11pm	4.7m
	Sunday	6:12pm	4.6m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:57pm	5.3m
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Bombay	32°C	Sydney	20°C
Cape Town	20°C	Tenerife	22°C
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Paul Stannard, managing director of KOS Media, explained: "We have never been able to satisfy the thirst for hard copies of both weekend papers.

"That's why we launched our e-editions. Now we're printing more paid-for editions so we can satisfy the demand in stores."



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Canterbury	17°C	15°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	Maidstone	17°C	15°C	20°C	20°C	19°C
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Dartford	17°C	17°C	21°C	20°C	20°C	Rochester	16°C	15°C	18°C	16°C	16°C
Dover	15°C	13°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	Sevenoaks	15°C	14°C	19°C	19°C	18°C
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### ROBIN WILKINS



**Q** How did you first get involved with SeaFrance?

**A** A recruitment consultant called me when SeaFrance was being set up. At the time I was working in London as V.P. Europe for Cunard Line but the company had become very Americanised and had lost its way. And living in Broadstairs, the commute to Dover was more appealing. I love a challenge and nobody gave SeaFrance a chance of survival when it started after the split with Stena. A year later, it was Stena who threw in the towel.

**Q** What does your job involve?

**A** I head up the management of the UK arm of SeaFrance with a staff of 150. We are responsible for all the revenue generation in the UK, plus the port operations and relationships with local, regional and national government, and other organisations. Seventy per cent of the company's tourism revenue comes from our sales and marketing effort. I spend quite a lot of time with my co-directors in France.

**Q** What do you think makes SeaFrance different from other ferry services on the Channel route?

**A** I think our ships, our staff and our French heritage set us apart. We have invested heavily in new tonnage – over £300 million since 2001, and have the most modern fleet on the route. Onboard, the style and service is unmistakably French. For example, our

Brasserie food is freshly cooked on the ship, not previously made ashore, as on some ships I could mention. And before you travel, I think we have the best reservations service and slicker customer handling in the port.

**Q** Are you confident that SeaFrance can get through the struggles of the current economy?

**A** I am. The cross-Channel market, especially freight, has slumped over the last 18 months and there is too much capacity. By and large, our costs are fixed so the business is very sensitive to revenue changes – up or down! Additionally, the fall of sterling has hit us hard, as much of our revenue is in pounds but our costs are in euros. Competition in the ferry business is fierce and basic fares have been driven down to uneconomic levels. But we have a restructuring plan which will get us back into long-term profit. Painful but necessary.

**Q** What is the hardest part of your job as managing director?

**A** Explaining the English to the French, and the French to the English! Apart from that, taking unpleasant decisions and accepting that everyone has a boss and so you can't change everything you want to.

**Q** What is the best thing about your job?

**A** The variety, the challenge and being able to do something to affect the outcome. I enjoy

the teamwork of business. I think my staff are better than those of our competitors. Maybe that's why they often try to poach them!

**Q** What three reasons would you give to someone looking to cross the Channel to use SeaFrance?

**A** A. We have the most stylish and spacious ships, which makes for a comfortable and relaxing crossing in a unique continental atmosphere. B. Price and value – we try to have the lowest fares to Calais, which is by far the most popular route. C. Be different and surprise yourself. Enjoy a touch of Frenchness and don't be a P&O sheep.

**Q** What is the next step for the company?

**A** Recovery – implementing our capacity adjustments and cost-cutting plan will put us in a great position for a stable long-term future, whether that's on our own or in partnership with another maritime company. Ferry travel today is infinitely better than the experience of a few years ago and we need to get that message out there to boost the market. The more people travel by ferry, the better for all the operators, our staff, and for Dover.

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**Q&A**

Robin Wilkins, the UK managing director for SeaFrance, spoke to **Marijke Cox** about how the ferry industry is suffering in today's stormy economic climate and what they are going to do to secure the company's future

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# We're the gardeners of England

BY NEILL BARSTON

THE Garden of England lived up to its name at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.

The Royal Horticultural Society's annual showpiece attracted thousands of green-fingered fans and the champagne corks were popping after Kent entries netted a haul of nine accolades, including silver and gold awards.

Among those celebrating was Sittingbourne-based landscaping firm Marshalls. Its smart show garden, entitled Living Street, earned a silver gilt award.

It showcased four distinct designs of futuristic front gardens.

Winning designer Ian Dexter said: "The whole journey to create the garden has been a wonderful experience and receiving this medal has made it even better. The team worked seamlessly and this is a magnificent commendation to everyone involved in the project."

"The concept of creating four front gardens in the Show Garden category has never been done before, but what we wanted to achieve was to highlight to everybody that front gardens are wonderful spaces where you can be creative and have fun, in very much the same way we use our back gardens; from places to socialise in to even growing your own fruit and veg."

Also doing the county proud was designer Jo Thompson, from Cranbrook, and Merriments Gardens, who won a silver gilt medal for their Demelza Garden.

Their aim was to produce a garden which would be a relaxing environment and it will be



**TRANQUIL:** Jo Thompson from Cranbrook and Merriments Gardens created this soothing Demelza Garden, above; while Marshalls' Living Street, inset left, was designed by Ian Dexter



rebuilt for the children at the Demelza hospice in Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, in the coming weeks. A delighted Mrs Thompson said: "Having spent a great deal of time in Italy - my father is Italian - I have been inspired since childhood by the great villas of Tuscany and Rome. Their strong shapes and sense of theatre play an important part in my style."

Winning his third award in as many years was Benenden's Chris O'Donoghue, who claimed a silver gilt for his imaginative medieval garden.

His equally ambitious project last year, a Moroccan courtyard, attracted plenty of interest as he became the first person to have ani-

mals accompanying his display, bringing in a donkey to add to the desert scene.

This year, his display featured a range of medicinal herbs which caught judges' eyes.

He said: "It's great to have won an award here. Having previously been a potter, I'm happy to be making my way using mud rather than clay these days."

"I didn't bring any animals this year - I don't think they are letting anyone do that now. The donkey ended up staying at the Royal Horse Barracks last time."

Patricia Ellis, of Orpington, accepted a gold award for her unusual flower arrangement.

The TV coverage of this year's show was hosted again by Alan Titchmarsh, with visitors including the Queen and actress Joanna Lumley, taking a well-earned break from her campaign in support of Gurdhar's rights.

## KENT WINNERS

### GOLD

Patricia Ellis, Orpington  
Category: Flower Arranging, 1st Session  
Ms M Odd, Ashford, NAFAS  
Category: Floral Marquee

### SILVER

Jo Thompson, Cranbrook, Demelza Garden  
Category: Courtyard Garden  
Chris O'Donoghue, Cranbrook  
Category: Courtyard Garden  
Dr S Charlesworth, Hadlow, Downderry Nursery  
Category: Floral Marquee  
Roger Platts, Edenbridge  
Category: Floral Marquee  
Heather Angrave, Tonbridge, Old Walled Garden  
Category: Floral Marquee  
Maggie Temple, Sevenoaks  
Category: Flower Arranging 1st Session  
Marshalls, Sittingbourne  
Category: Show Garden



**SILVER:** Chris Donoghue's Courtyard Garden



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# Berry British delights

The taste of summer for many is best encapsulated with a mouth-watering Kentish strawberry and the first strawberries of the season are now being picked and packed in the next basket from Foodforkent.co.uk.

The British strawberry is iconic and conjures visions of what is best about living in England.

For some the taste brings back memories of times gone by, when life seemed less hurried and simpler, and for others it is tennis at Wimbledon and the hope of glory on the tennis court.

Now is the perfect time to add strawberries to your shopping list at [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk) as they are coming through thick and fast and are of great quality; packed full of flavour.

I managed to taste quite a few from different Kent suppliers when I was down at the Foodforkent.co.uk HQ filming the third episode of my new internet TV series, Made in Great Britain, which you can view at [www.pod3.tv](http://www.pod3.tv) or download the full episode free from iTunes.

During my visit to Bank Farm in Aldington, near Ashford, I was also able to pick some fresh asparagus and went foraging for wild garlic, which is bang in season at the minute and sadly only lasts for about one more month.

Wild garlic is so versatile and can be used in salads but also adds flavour to soups or even to infuse cream for dauphinoise potatoes. The flower can be used to garnish fish dishes and even to lift a salad.

While at Bank Farm, one thing which greatly impressed me was the free-range egg farm and how well the chickens were

**Celebrity chef Richard Phillips is a supporter of our 2009 KOS Media campaign, encouraging readers to buy from local suppliers. In the latest of his exclusive columns, he takes a close-up look at the joys of the strawberry – and shares one of his favourite recipes.**



kept and how happy they seem. Happy chickens produce great eggs. I took some away with me and cooked a poached egg dish with the freshly picked asparagus – heaven. Duck eggs are currently in abundance at the moment too and there are some special deals on Foodforkent.co.uk which you can take advantage of.

Talking of things nostalgic, I was back in school earlier this month opening a new dining room and kitchen at the Sutton Valence Preparatory School in Chart Sutton, Maidstone, and did a cooking demonstration to 200 children, parents, teachers and governors.

We did a quiz with the children on food from around the county and why we should

buy local and what advantages it brings to the environment and our pockets. They loved it, and it was great to see how aware the children were of the issues and how they understood that by buying local and fresh produce the taste is so much more enhanced. It was a great day.

My recipe today is one of my favourite desserts, bakewell tart with Kentish strawberries and this is a dish that conjures up all of those nostalgic images and feelings of summers past and those to come. I hope you enjoy it and don't forget if you have any cooking or recipe questions, email me at [richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk) and I will be happy to answer them.

*Richard Phillips*

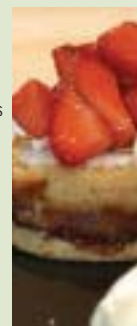
## Bakewell tart with Kentish strawberries

### Ingredients

1 x sheet of shop-bought puff pastry  
4 tablespoons of strawberry jam  
Almond paste (see recipe below)  
2 egg yolks (for the egg wash)  
1 quantity of royal icing (see recipe below)  
Handful of flaked almonds  
1 punnet of Kentish strawberries  
1 tablespoon of icing sugar  
2 tablespoons of balsamic vinegar  
Vanilla ice-cream or cream to serve

Almond Paste – combine ingredients  
200g butter  
200g caster sugar  
100g whisked eggs (see recipe below)  
50g plain flour  
100g ground almonds

Royal icing – combine ingredients  
225g icing sugar  
35g egg whites  
splash of lemon juice



### Method

- Roll out the puff pastry to a 3mm thickness
- Butter four individual tartlet cases and line with the rolled-out pastry
- Place a tablespoon of the jam in the base of each one. Pipe in the almond paste, leave space at the top of the mould, brush with the egg wash, now place another sheet of rolled out puff pastry over the top. Using a rolling pin, roll over the tartlet mould to cut off the edges. Leave to rest for 20min.
- Pre heat the oven to 170c.
- Using a palette knife, spread a thin layer of royal icing over the top of the tart and sprinkle with a few flakes of almonds.
- Bake in a pre-heated oven for 20min or until golden brown on top.
- Warm the strawberries in a pan with the icing sugar and balsamic vinegar for 3-4minutes, just until the juices start to come out of the strawberries. Allow to cool
- Place the strawberries on top of the tart and serve with a scoop of ice-cream or drizzled with cream.



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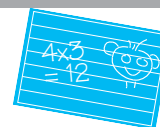


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# Silver surfers guided on to information superhighway

A SCHOOL is going all out to help elderly people join in the digital revolution.

Eight out of ten pensioners in the UK still can't access online services. In other words, they aren't computer literate.

But a scheme in operation at Fulston Manor School, Sittingbourne, is aiming to change that.

The school held a free silver surfers' day, which introduces older people to the benefits of going online.

Students used their knowledge of computers and the internet to guide guests through the world wide web.

Anyone over 55 was welcome to enjoy a one-hour taster session at the school, whatever their level of computer literacy.

Thirty people, made up of friends and family of students, residents of sheltered housing schemes and representatives from Sittingbourne and Milton Active Retirement

■ BY NICK AMES

Association and Swale Seniors' Forum, attended sessions in the morning and afternoon.

Each attendee was matched with a student mentor for the session, who helped answer questions and introduced them to new activities on the computer.

The attendees were helped with subjects as diverse as online shopping, making posters, editing photographs and some even set up their own Facebook social networking pages.

Fulston Manor pupils said they enjoyed passing on their knowledge, adding it was interesting to see that people never stop learning.

It is hoped to run a silver surfers' club as a regular event from the start of the next academic year.

Anyone interested in taking part can contact the school on 01795 475228.



**SURF'S UP:** Over-55s are introduced to computing and the internet by pupils at Fulston Manor School in Sittingbourne

## BREAK TIME

## Invitation to former Elizabethans

A REUNION open to all former pupils and staff of the Queen Elizabeth's School is being held this summer.

The school in Abbey Place, Faversham, is also holding its fete on the same day – Saturday, July 4, from noon to 3pm – with traditional stalls and sideshows.

Former pupils will be able to meet with former classmates and teachers in a marquee beside the main hall.

This will be sponsored by Faversham Elizabethans – the former pupils' association – and staffed by committee members.

There will be an opportunity for limited numbers to take a guided tour of the school to observe the changes that have taken place over past 40 years.

These will be led by sixth-formers and start between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

Anyone wishing to take part will need to sign up in the reunion marquee.

There will also be a short talk in the

school hall at 4pm by Judith Geldard, who retires from the school at the end of term after many years as head of history.

There will be school and class photos available to view and time to reminisce about school days.

Those interested should contact Yvonne Wills on 01795 538252 (evenings).

## Interpose opening

THE Mayor and Mayoress of Swale, Alan and Jean Willicombe, attended the formal opening of the Interpose Showcase Exhibition at Sittingbourne Community College.

The exhibition at the Swanstree Avenue site showcases students' reactions to the movies exhibited at the college's film and photography event in March this year.



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## More public holidays are of a high political importance

EVERYONE loves Bank Holidays and we have just had two.

Earlier this week, in fact, we all had a day off and before that there was May Day – long celebrated as a day for the workers and thus well publicised by the Labour Party.

It may have been an official holiday a few years before he took power, but Tony Blair was always very keen to recognise it. But now there isn't anything until Monday August 31 – more than three whole months without a break.

I know people will be taking their holidays in the summer months but there is something extremely satisfying about knowing a three day weekend is coming up. So, why not another holiday in the summer?

With David Cameron surely set to become our next Prime Minister it is something for him to look at. I am sure he could make himself extremely popular within days of coming to power by announcing another summer holiday. But what dates or times would be best?

Well, just coming up is the Queen's Official Birthday which falls on Saturday, June 13. So a holiday would be the following Monday – or, just maybe, the Friday beforehand. Can you imagine the joy everyone would have at finishing a week at work on a Thursday night?

It would make coming in on the Monday before a pleasure. Every time you felt a bit down all you need to think is – you'll be finished a day before normal.

And that's not the only date he could consider. It may be a bit 'hippy' but how about celebrating the summer solstice.

It's on June 21, this year a Sunday. So the following Monday could be Midsummer's Day Bank Holiday. That would be just as popular.

Then the following Saturday is a new celebration – Armed Forces Day. So how about the Monday there for a Bank Holiday. It would be a bit more sombre maybe.

But it would be a chance to say thank you to those servicemen and women in such places as Afghanistan. After all Remembrance Day is

always a Sunday and there are no public holidays which recognise serving soldiers, sailors and airman or the countless dead of the wars of the 20th century.

I know the Scots have a Bank Holiday this year on August 3 so I thought we should take that off as well. But it turns out that they don't have the last Monday of the month so it balances itself out.

Maybe the previous ideas are lacking in the political correctness department. Well the Islamic fast of Ramadan starts on Saturday, August 22, so how about a holiday then?

Great time of the year for a day off too ... mind you if everyone observed the correct Muslim rules – no drink, food, smoking or sex between sun up and sun down – some people might just wish they were at work.

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<b>CORSA</b>															
2003	03 *	Corsa Active	1.0	3	Silver lightning	55,000	£3,850	2005	05	Zafira Life	1.8	5	Ultra blue	38,250	£5,395
2006	06	Corsa Sxi A/c	12	5	Black sapphire	37,950	£6,295	2008	58	Zafira Breeze CDTi Plus	1.9D	5	Metro blue	12,600	£13,995
2006	06	Corsa 1.2 SXi Plus	12	3	Flame red	18,000	£5,995	<b>NON VAUXHALL</b>							
2008	08	New Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Metro blue	5,200	£9,995	2004	54*	Kia Picanto	1.1	5	Blue	42,900	£3,295
2008	08	New Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	5,150	£8,895	2006	5Y*	Hyundai Coupe Atlantic	2.0	2	Silver	17,200	£7,995
2008	58	New Corsa Sxi CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	4,200	£9,995	<b>DUE SOON</b>							
2008	58	New Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	3	Star silver	5,100	£9,395	2005	55	Corsa Sxi E/T	1.3	3	Black	50,000	£4,995
2008	58	New Corsa Design	1.2	3	Star silver	4,640	£9,495	2001	Y*	Corsa Comfort MTA	1.2	3	Star silver	27,000	£2,995
2008	58	New Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	3	Silver lightning	3,675	£9,295	2006	06	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Panacotta	27,900	£7,395
2008	58	New Corsa Club CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	3,325	£9,995	2006	06	Astra Design Estate	1.6	5	Panacotta	33,000	£6,995
2008	58	New Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	4,380	£9,995	2007	57	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Power red	16,500	£13,995
2008	58	New Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	3	Metro blue	6,100	£9,995	2008	57	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Black sapphire	8,000	£9,995
<b>ASTRA</b>															
2002	02*	Astra Club Auto	1.6	5	Mirage	51,000	£3,495	2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch (Ex pack)	1.6	3	Ultra blue	9,000	£10,995
2006	06	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Rubens red	22,021	£8,195	2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Black sapphire	16,000	£9,995
2006	06	Astra Design Estate	1.6	5	Pannacotta	34,950	£7,195	2006	06	Meriva Life A/c	1.4	5	Star silver	30,000	£6,495
2006	56	Astra Elite CDTi	1.9	5	Ultra blue	37,950	£8,995	2004	04	Vectra Sri Auto	2.2	5	Star silver	48,000	£4,995
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2007	07	Astra Sri TBO	1.6	5	Black sapphire	14,600	£8,995	2008	58	Agila Design	1.2	5	Steel silver		£8,995
2007	07	Astra Design Sports hatch	1.6	3	Power red	26,340	£8,995	2008	58	Agila Design	1.2	5	Moroccan blue		£8,995
2007	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Panacotta	8,275	£8,995	2008	58	Agila Club A/c CDTi	1.3D	5	Steel silver		£9,995
2007	57	Astra Sri Sports hatch	1.6	3	Ultra blue	7,160	£9,345	2008	58	Agila Club	1.2	5	Moroccan blue		£8,595
2008	08	Astra Breeze Sports hatch	1.4	3	Star silver	2,110	£9,495	2008	58	Agila Club A/c	1.2	5	Steel Silver		£8,795
2008	58	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Green spirit	3,725	£11,495	2008	58	Corsa Club MTA	1.2	3	Silver lightning		£8,495
2008	58	Astra Club CDTi Estate	1.7D	5	Technical grey	14,450	£10,995	2008	58	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	5	Silver lightning		£9,695
2008	58	Astra Sri Sports hatch	1.6	3	Silver lightning	6,650	£10,995	2008	58	Corsa Club Auto	1.4	5	Ultra blue		£9,995
2008	58	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Black sapphire	4,600	£9,995	2008	58	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Black sapphire		£9,245
2008	58	Astra Breeze Sports hatch	1.4	3	Black sapphire	3,100	£10,795	2008	58	Astra Exclusiv T/T	1.8	2	Panacotta		£14,995
<b>AGILA</b>															
2004	54	Agila Design	1.2	5	Lilac	28,500	£4,195	2008	58	Astra Club CDTi Estate	1.7D	5	Technical grey		£11,995
<b>MERIVA</b>															
2006	56	Meriva Breeze	1.6	5	Star silver	22,000	£6,495	2008	58	Vectra Exclusiv CDTi (150ps)	1.9D	5	Panacotta		£10,995
2008	58	Meriva CDTi Breeze Plus	1.3	5	Black sapphire	10,930	£11,495	2008	58	Vectra Exclusive CDTi (150ps)	1.9D	5	Black sapphire		£10,995
<b>VECTRA</b>															
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2008	57	Vectra CDTi Exclusive Auto	1.9D	5	Ultra blue	5,870	£10,995	2008	58	Combo CDTi	1.7D	5	White		£7,995
2008	58	Vectra Elite CDTi (150ps)	1.9D	5	Panacotta	7,050	£14,995	2008	08	Vivaro SWB CDTi	2.0D	5	White		£9,995
<b>ZAFIRA</b>															
2003	53*	Zafira GSI	2.0	5	Star Silver	44,900	£5,995	2008	08	Vivaro SWB CDTi	2.0D	5	White		£9,995
2007	07	Zafira Energy cdti	1.9	5	Black Sapphire	24,000	£9,995	2008	58	Vivaro SWB CDTi	2.0D	5	Ink Blue		£11,995
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<b>PRE-REG VEHICLES</b>															
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## TALK TIME

### SHARON HOGBEN

The volunteer at Canterbury Cats Protection League talks about her work with a growing number of unloved animals



#### Tell us about the work you do.

We are a fairly new branch and have only been going for five years or so. The branch is run entirely by volunteers who all have lives and families to take care of but our main goal is to help and assist in the welfare and re-homing of cats and kittens in our area.

We re-home in Canterbury, Faversham, Whitstable, Herne Bay, and surrounding areas.

#### How many cats do you re-home each year?

This year we have taken in and re-homed more than 200 cats and kittens, which is nearly double previous years.

This has mainly been due to having a superb group of foster families, who take care of the cats in their own home or in pens, and to a dedicated band of volunteers who do fundraising, welfare and re-homing.

#### Why do so many need re-homing?

Sometimes the reasons are genuine, such as an elderly owner no longer able to cope. Sometimes people's fortunes change and they are forced to give up their pets for financial reasons.

Sadly, we also pick up the unloved, abandoned and neglected ones whose owners have been thoughtless, ill advised or cruel. But it has to be said the simplest answer is too many cats, not enough homes and thus it will ever be until every cat is neutered before it can breed.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### Office plan for historic house sparks protest

BY EMILY HALL

PLANS to turn a historic Georgian house into offices have met with fierce opposition from residents.

Grade II listed Mall House is one of Faversham's oldest homes and its owners want it turned into office space for up to 25 workers.

Although currently empty, many believe the property, which dates from 1740, has lost earlier character and is not a good example of a Georgian house.

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### House is not in the market for change

Faversham is a town which is rightly proud of its heritage and makes a great deal about being "The Market Town of Kings".

So why are developers being allowed to turn one of the most historic Georgian houses in the town into offices.

The Grade II listed Mall House is one of the most prominent of our architectural gems and will lose so much of its character if it is just turned into another office block.

Such a move would obviously involve altering the exterior whatever planning constraints are put into place.

The house is an important part of our history and has always been a dwelling place.

It should remain so and if local planners are serious about protecting our town's heritage then they should act to block this proposal.

Emma Twyman, from Faversham, by email



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### Pope should altar his favourite tippie

Good to see the Pope has the good taste to enjoy a glass of

Spitfire Kentish Ale from Shepherd Neame.

But I wonder how long it will take before the company comes up with one of its joke slogans about the fact, such as its previous "No Fokker Comes Close"

advert.

It would have been easier for them, maybe, if instead of a drop of Spitfire, the Pontiff enjoyed a glass of Bishop's Finger.

Paul Newton, from Newnham, by email

### Fired Mona admits gay was wrong for Margate

BY STEVE KNOTT

FOUNDER beauty guru Mona

Lewis says she should have

been kinder to the Apprentice

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## Gays can enjoy same as everyone else

In your paper last week you carried the story about the attempt by The Apprentice TV show contestants to rebrand Margate as a gay resort.

Why should gays have their own special place in the sun or by the sea? Recently Canterbury was criticised for not being gay friendly enough.

But what has a person's sexuality got to do with whether a place is attractive to them?

Surely gays, as much as anyone else, like looking at heritage sites, good restaurants and places to have a drink.

The lack of a designated gay club shouldn't be enough to put them off a whole place.

Gays are part of the community, or so we are always being told. So why don't they take advantage of whatever everyone else can go to or enjoy?

Terry Martin, from Faversham, by email



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Adam Thomson,  
by email.

• Editor's reply: I'm glad you like our e-edition of the newspaper Mr Thomson and would like to thank you for taking the time to send us your comment.

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## Carers need all the support they can get

I helped to look after both my parents when they suffered from dementia, so I know the challenges of caring for someone you love.

As well the emotional impact of



watching my parents suffer from such a distressing disease, I found it a real struggle just to get the right practical support.

Of course, I am not alone: thousands of people in this area provide unpaid care for a relative, friend or child who is ill, frail or disabled.

In fact three in five of us will be carers at some point in our lives, yet the difficulties that carers face often go unrecognised.

This year's Carers Week, which takes place from June 8 to 14, will combat this by recognising and celebrating the contribution made by this secret service of carers, with local and national events.

I am calling on all your readers who are carers to visit [www.carersweek.org](http://www.carersweek.org) to see what's happening locally and find out more about the help available to them.

Tony Robinson,  
TV presenter and actor, by email.

## Teens are invited to join in Earthwatch

If you're a teenager who has a passion for science, or who is wild about

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Earthwatch, the international environmental charity, is offering 18 expeditions exclusively for teenagers aged 16 and 17 in 2009.

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Tom Berry, expedition consultant for Earthwatch, by email.

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As the author of timeless classics such as *Great Expectations*, *Oliver Twist*, *A Tale Of Two Cities* and *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens became one of the world's greatest storytellers. Since his death at Gad's Hill Place, Higham, almost 140 years ago, his work has continued to inspire readers, film-makers and aspiring writers across three centuries.

His connection with Rochester is well known as Dickens spent some of his formative years in Medway and drew inspiration from the area for some of his most memorable settings.

For example, Restoration House in Rochester was the model for Satis House, the old mansion owned by jilted bride Miss Havisham in *Great Expectations*.

A busy programme of entertainment awaits residents and visitors at this year's vibrant festival, from theatre and music to exhibitions, workshops and children's readings at venues across the city.

The fun begins with The Dickens First Night Ball at the Corn Exchange on Thursday, where costumes are a must. There will be lots

of opportunities to discover the Victorian way of life with a traditional fun fair, costume competitions, children's period games and the City of Rochester Society's festival craft fair, all taking place at Rochester Castle Gardens.

Along with all the old favourites that have delighted crowds for years, there will be some new highlights. The Guildhall Museum forecourt hosts A Novel Birthday Party, which will be a tea party like no other as Dickens characters celebrate the 150th anniversary of *A Tale of Two Cities*.

The Great Chuck Dickens takes on Bill Make No Peace Thackeray in *The Big Match* and Victorian melodrama receives a comic parody in *The Black Widow* – both events take

place in Rochester Castle Gardens. Discover the fascinating entertainment provided by the Magic Lantern in demonstrations being run at Eastgate House.

A Victorian atmosphere will prevail as grand parades of costumed characters transport the streets of Rochester back to the 19th century and there will be plenty of traditional entertainment, from Punch and Judy shows and organ-grinders to Victorian music-hall acts.

Learn more about the history of this fascinating historic city with a free 90-minute walking tour.

Another addition to this year's festival is Traditional England, taking place at The Vines on Saturday and Sunday. Celebrating all that is glorious about England in the summer months, the event will feature shire horses, a tug of war competition, falconry displays, country craft stalls, demonstrations and more.

For the full extensive festival listings, download a brochure at [www.medway.gov.uk/dickensfestival](http://www.medway.gov.uk/dickensfestival), or phone Medway Visitor Information Centre on 01634 843666 for more information.

### DICKENS FESTIVAL

Friday, May 29, to Sunday, May 31  
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ENJOY a taste of medieval life when The Canterbury Tales invites visitors to dine on the foods of the past.

The sights and smells that might have pervaded kitchens hundreds of years ago can be experienced this weekend. From medieval gingerbread to spiced hippocras, there will be plenty of tempting morsels to help visitors understand what life would have been like at the time of Chaucer.

This fun and educational event takes place in the churchyard behind The Canterbury Tales and is presented by Discovering Medieval, a group of historical enthusiasts who provide living history displays. With bread being at the centre of the peasant diet, visitors will be able to meet the miller, feel the different grains, make flour on the stone quern and take a sample home as a souvenir. Children



### CANTERBURY TALES

Saturday, May 30 & Sunday, May 31  
The Canterbury Tales, Canterbury



can help to mix the dough to

bake pastries from scratch. Admission is included in The Canterbury Tales ticket price, but those not wishing

to enter the attraction can buy event-only tickets for £3/£2. For more information call 01227 784600 or visit [www.canterburytales.org.uk](http://www.canterburytales.org.uk).



### CAMILLE O'SULLIVAN

Thursday, May 28  
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



FORMER award-winning architect Camille O'Sullivan has become a cabaret queen with her intoxicating performances.

Drawing her audience into a world of the weird and wonderful, the multi-award-winning Irish/French singer has wowed audiences and critics on both sides of the globe. She has enjoyed sell-out seasons and five-star reviews at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and in Ireland, London, New York and the Sydney Opera House in Australia, while her magnetic performances on Later...With Jools Holland captivated television viewers.

With the help of her five-piece band, she interprets the work of Nick Cave, Tom Waits, Jacques Brel and David Bowie in her own mesmerising style and immerses her audience in a dark, emotional and humorous world.

O'Sullivan gave up a promising career in architecture to pursue her passion for performance, inspired by the cabaret clubs of Berlin. Her great voice and emotional investment in the songs have made her an act not to be missed.

The show, which is suitable for over-14s, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £19.50. Book online at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01227 769075.

### JOSIE LONG

Friday, May 29  
Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre, Whitstable



MAKE sense of the world with the help of award-winning whimsical comedian Josie Long.

In her latest Edinburgh and touring show, All of the Planet's Wonders, Josie set out to reconnect with science and nature. She overcame her schooldays hatred of science to explore the wonders of the Earth, both great and small, and to discover the joys of life in her own inimitable fashion.

Long grew up in Orpington and started performing comedy at the tender age of 14, winning the BBC New Comedy Award just three years later. Since winning the ifComedy Best Newcomer Award in 2006, Long has gone on to win the Chortle award for best breakthrough act in 2007 and has enjoyed sell-out shows in Los Angeles, Adelaide, Melbourne and New Zealand. Last year, esteemed comic Stewart Lee selected her to perform in a series of events called The 10 Best Stand-ups In The World... Ever.



The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £7/£5. To book call the Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre on 01227 281174.

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## If rock's your Thing trot down to Graveney

FROM Muse to Metallica, Where's My Thing? covers a diverse range of hits from popular rock and indie artists.

The band will be playing at the Four Horseshoes in Headhill Road, Graveney, on Sunday. To find out more about the band visit the website at [www.wheres-mything.co.uk](http://www.wheres-mything.co.uk).

For more information about the venue call the pub on 01795 532095.

## Put your walking boots on and get outdoors

ENJOY the great outdoors with a series of guided walks as part of the North Kent Walking Festival.

Running throughout May, June and July, the festival features more than 100 walks exploring North Kent. There is an event coming up in Boughton in the next week. Place to be booked in advance. Booking details can be found on the community events page at [www.swale.gov.uk](http://www.swale.gov.uk).

## Wool you be at Farming World enjoying the fun?

SHEEP shearing and wool week continues at Farming World, Boughton, with lots of fun activities for all the family.

Meet creepy crawlies today and have a go at felt-making tomorrow. Children can enjoy messy mayhem on Thursday too with I'm A Kid, Get Me Out Of Here, while Friday offers the chance to take part in 'have a go falconry'. See [www.farming-world.co.uk](http://www.farming-world.co.uk) or call 01227 751144.

## Helping charity will be a tweet in Nature Week

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help raise funds for the RSPB during Love Nature Week.

People in Kent are being asked to support the charity's vital work by collecting donations for two hours at sites in Ashford, Folkestone, Sevenoaks and Medway. Register online at [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk). Or call Kathy O'Neill on 01273 763614.

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## Is this your chance to make a noise in music industry?



**ROAD TO SUCCESS:** Band Sikhona from Ashford have benefited from being part of Diverse and getting studio time

THE pathway into the music industry is a difficult one to navigate but with the help of an exciting new project the route could become a lot easier.

Kent's Diverse Music is setting up a database of talent that will span the county, and YOU can be a part of it.

The recently-launched Diverse Music Auditions will help to establish a large network of musicians.

It will give performers the chance to broaden their musical horizons, with the possibility of linking up with like-minded people who also want to forge a career in the industry.

Once the database is up and running the team will be able to draw on the information to match singers with songwriters, musicians with bands and so on.

Those behind the scheme will then draw upon their knowledge and skills to help people advance their ambitions and to make new and exciting music.

The project could lead to the formation of bands, new contacts and the benefit of the expertise of the industry experts who run the company.

Better still is the fact that auditions are completely free for those who want to take part.

Diverse creative director Malissa Whitehouse said: "Everyone who participates will have their details taken and will audition in front of a music

■ BY TOM BETTS

industry panel.

"The overall aim is to let a lucky artist, musician or band feature on one of our in house productions, where they will be credited and have a CD to show to labels, publishers and agents.

"It's a money can't buy prize as this door wouldn't usually be open."

She added: "It's about opening up our doors to everyone so we find some great talent which we know is here in Kent. The possibilities are huge and we are excited about what the future holds."

The studio may be set in unconventional surroundings, in Bilting in between Ashford and Canterbury, but the place is set up with all the latest i-tech recording equipment you could need and also has a separate rehearsal room.

Diverse are now calling on Kent's musicians and performers to get in touch with them to request an audition.

To enquire about an audition spot email Malissa at Malissa@popsessions.co.uk.

Include a brief description of who you are, what you do and a picture of yourself if possible.

KOS Media will be following the story and meeting the acts as the process unfolds.

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A new menu has just been launched which includes a wide range of high quality food and special offers.

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The Star has been at its Watling Street location for many years, but it is always moving with the times.

Managers Gareth Williams and Stef Bissett are just celebrating a first post-refurbishment birthday and they have put their vast experience of the pub trade into making the very best of The Star.

Gareth said: "We are a very welcoming pub with a large beer garden. We do live music, events and competitions in order to become a friendly local pub where all are welcome."

Activities include a Monday film night, Tuesday sees a quiz which is very popular, Wednesdays offer a free bottle of wine with every table booked while Friday is an opportunity for anyone to try jamming on stage.

Saturdays sees a live band on stage while hot weather usually means a barbecue at weekends.

Children are welcome in the pub up until 9pm when families are dining.

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# He's finally back on the big screen and he's found God

■ BY KATE WHITING

WHILE shooting *Moulin Rouge*, the smash hit Baz Luhrmann musical set in Paris, Ewan McGregor romanced Nicole Kidman on a movie set in Sydney rather than Montmartre.

And while latest movie *Angels & Demons* is set in a sun-drenched Rome, the star says he didn't make it there either.

"Imagine that? That was the only reason I took the job and then they said my scenes were in LA.

"I've often fantasised that Rome would be a great place to work.

"Swan off set with your sunglasses on, walk to the nearest cafe, but that didn't happen."

In the blockbuster adaptation of Dan Brown's novel, McGregor plays Camerlengo Patrick McKenna, a man charged with the interim ruling of the Vatican City after the death of the pope.

The Vatican denied permission for any filming to take place within its walls, so director Ron Howard set about reconstructing the location's most famous sights – including the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel – in Los Angeles.

*Angels & Demons* marks a return to the big screen for McGregor after a spell pursuing other interests – notably motorbiking around the world with best friend Charley Boorman.

He's back in the game with a bang. High-profile movies this year include *I Love You Philip Morris*, with Jim Carrey and *The Men Who Stare At Goats*, with George Clooney.

*Angels & Demons* is the follow-up to 2006's controversial *The Da Vinci Code*. But while *The Da Vinci Code* film sparked protests from



WHEN NOT IN ROME: Actor Ewan McGregor

the church, Howard's latest adaptation of Dan Brown's work has been billed as "harmless" by one Vatican reviewer.

The Scottish actor, 38, admits he's not religious but says he wouldn't have put his name to an 'anti-Catholic' film.

"I don't think it attacks the Church. It's a far-fetched story set in the world of the Vatican, which is an interesting world."

The camerlengo he plays has been brought up in the church, adopted by the late pope, and has to make difficult choices to uphold his faith.

In McGregor's words, he's "extreme in terms

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of what he does, but he's doing it to save his church".

The experience was an interesting and educational one for the actor.

"I wasn't brought up with any religion, so all the ceremony, the funeral and some of the ritual stuff we did was new to me," he said.

"We had a priest on set to help us with that and make sure we were accurate."

When he's not away filming, Ewan is very much the family man, splitting his time between homes in Los Angeles and London.

In 1995, he married Eve Mavrakis, a French production designer, and the couple have two daughters, Clara, 13, and Esther, seven.

In 2006, they adopted Jamiyan, now seven, from Mongolia.

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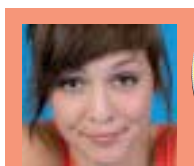
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**NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...**  
Blue eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

**ME AND YOU**  
Medium-built girl, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU...**  
Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756

**GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE**  
Loving lady, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

**SEEKING MR DARCY**  
Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyalty for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004

**HAPPY SHOPPER!**  
Easygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTW loving, caring white male, 35-47, for long-term, loving relationship. No time-wasters. Box 442414

**HORSES FOR COURSES...**  
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

**CUDDLY FEMALE**  
32, 5ft9, brown hair, curly figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 439402

**FIT FOR FUN**  
Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, fit, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047

**SOUND GOOD?**  
Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

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Fair-haired female, 35, 5ft, loves the gym, pubs, nights out and fine company, searching for fun bloke, for life, love and laughter. Box 881011

**UNDERSTAND ME**  
Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5'8", slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensual, strong, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524

**GALLOP AHEAD!**  
Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTW honest, reliable man. Box 451311

**PERHAPS PERHAPS**  
Fun, bubbly, outgoing blonde, late 30s, down-to-earth, with GSOH, searching for tall, genuine fella, for fun, friendship and more? Box 451385

**WISHFULLY YOURS**  
Loving female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim build, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915

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Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

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Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

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Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

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Shy but confident-one-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

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**A FAIRY TALE ENDING**  
Easy-going blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079

**CHARM ME**  
Tall, blonde Russian girl, 42, from St Leonards, searching for single and sincere man, for friendship and more. Box 451019

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Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444736

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Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451468

**A WARM HEART AND GSOH**  
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### WHO KNOWS WHERE IT GOES?

26 year old male, enjoys music, sport, socialising, family & friends time, seeking female 18-41 from Kent for a few dates, perhaps more. Box 449355

### ATTRACTIVE FELLA

Tall, dark and handsome chap, 33yrs old. I'm looking for a lively, attractive woman, 21-47, to get to know. Give me a call! Box 451885

### BOTTLE OF WINE

Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair. I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

### GET ME OUTTA HERE!

Loyal, trustworthy, honest family man, 37, independent, stocky, 5ft6, non-smoker, VGSOH, thoughtful, aware of others people's feelings, with morals/standards. Aquisan. Box 448803

**EVERYTHING I DO**  
Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

**TO SHARE LIFE WITH**  
Passionate gardener, 38, 5ft9, medium-blue eyes, average-stocky build, curly mousey brown hair, likes tennis and music, being sociable! Seeking nice passionate genuine lady. Box 451992

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Honest gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, like country pubs and clubs, restaurants, dining out, cosy nights in! Seeking similar down-to-earth lady. Box 452101

**TRUSTWORTHY**  
Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build, I work in residential care which I love, I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437

**FULL MARKS**  
Hi I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile & outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTW easygoing female for friendship/relationship. Box 443488

**OH MY LOVE**  
Honest gent, 40, slim, non smoker, likes sports, socialising, films, music and more, seeks slim-medium female 25-40 with similar interests. Box 452053

**FANCY A DRINK?**  
Outgoing outdoors male, 40, 5ft11, medium build, brown hair, loves the countryside, adventure and travelling, seeks similar female for romance and more. Box 451995

**ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE**  
Art-loving 40yr old, 39, brown hair/eyes, into motorbikes and weight-lifting, looking for a trustworthy female for friendship to start off with, then who knows? Box 448928

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
Caring, understanding chap, 40, 5ft7, blue eyes/blond hair, slim/average build, I'm easygoing and relaxed and like travel, music, film, restaurants, theatre, days out, badminton. Box 451361

**DO YOU FEEL THE SAME?**  
Hi ya, I'm Ian, 40, 5ft10, medium build, likes a quiet life style, looking for someone who can love/accept me for who I am. Box 450283

**HIYA**  
I'm a cute and laid-back guy, 41, 5ft8, short hair, athletic, very tactile, loving and spontaneous, likes shopping, travelling, eating in/out, hate football! Brighton. Box 450614

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## GIVE LIFE A TRY

I'm Steve, 42, 5ft11, dark hair, green eyes, positive, caring, confident dad, loves animals, country pubs, fishing, history, WLTW loving, sincere woman. Box 450509

**LET ME MAKE YOU DINNER**  
Young-looking 42yr old, hazel puppy eyes, 5ft7, looking for cosy nights in with romantic tactile lady, perhaps Christian like myself. Box 451969

**GOT A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR?**  
Malcolm, 43, dark-haired, 5ft10, spent a long time on the shelf so looking for chals, friendship and maybe more with a film and music fan. Box 451561

**SENTIMENTAL ROMANTIC**  
Hi I'm Kevin, 43, kind and down-to-earth, 5ft10, short hair, piercings, young looking, smart, love family life and socialising, seeking lady for quiet nights in. Box 452104

**ALONG THE SHORE**  
Considerate, reliable guy, 44, slim build, 5ft11, I like days out, the coast, nights in, pubs. WLTW kind female, 30-52, for friendship, leading to LTR. Box 448919

**SIMILAR? LOOKING FOR LOVE?**  
Slim Kent man, 44, dark hair and eyes, loves music, swims and walks, looking for lady to take me as I am. Box 451474

**SIMILAR INTERESTS?**  
Fun loving, single guy, 44, blond hair/blue eyes, 5ft10, I enjoy socialising, meals out, having the odd drink, sailing, sport, antiques, cars. Box 451533

**LONG-TERM THING**  
Caring, romantic, local guy, 44, 5ft11, slim/medium, fair hair/blue eyes, GSOH, looking for a lady, 30-45, with similar nature. East Sussex. Box 451334

**SOUL CALL**  
Hi, I'm John, 44, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, medium build, 5



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Cookman became the victim of crime earlier this year when a burglar broke into her Whitstable home and stole her laptop.

Luckily, she completed the novel using back-up files. Murder In Bloom is published by Accent Press and priced at £6.99.

### Sir Attenborough and aliens, all at Bluewater

TWO exciting authors will be signing copies of their new books at Waterstone's at Bluewater soon.

Claire Freedman, writer of the award-winning children's picture book Aliens Love Underpants, will be signing copies of Aliens in Underpants Save The World at the store on Saturday at 2pm.

Sir David Attenborough pays a visit at 12.30pm on Thursday, June 4, to promote his updated autobiography, Life on Air.

For more details call 01322 624831.

### National Trust plants seed of interest for kids

CHILDREN are being encouraged to grow their own vegetables as part of the National Trust's new campaign, Food Glorious Food.

The trust will give away more than 170 million free seeds at events taking place at its properties from this week.

Both adults and children can get more advice about growing their own food on the new interactive website [www.food-gloriousfood.org.uk](http://www.food-gloriousfood.org.uk), where details of local events can also be found.

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WITH the fantastic Star Trek reboot still playing in cinemas it's worth revisiting the original series, to see where it all started and to see just why it became such a phenomenon.

If you haven't seen those original 79 episodes before then I urge you to do so because they are stone cold classics – and don't let anyone tell you any different.

While I was, of course, aware of the series it was only a couple of years ago I looked in on these properly when BBC Two started to show back-to-back episodes late on Friday nights.

I was mighty surprised at just how groundbreaking, charming and entertaining they really are.

Geek heaven the Sci-Fi channel is probably your best bet to indulge yourself as it seems to stick these on given any opportunity, with the release of the new movie an obvious time to wheel these episodes out once more.

It's hard to put your phaser on just what exactly makes them work so well but, for me, despite some of the ridiculous costumes and odd hammy moment, there is a real warmth and conviction here.

It manages to have a soul and that is something that often gets lost other science fiction offerings.

I've never really got into the numerous spin-offs such as Voyager and Deep Space Nine and what I've seen of the Next Generation seems terribly dull and lifeless in comparison.

The whole phenomenon started to take itself too seriously and became the realm of those obsessives who learn Klingon and make their own Starfleet uniforms.

Here, however, there's a certain humanity and onus on friendship and



**TRAIL BLAZERS:** The original Star Trek was among the most iconic TV shows ever made

hope which is pulled off without ever being overtly mawkish or saccharine.

There is also a genuine chemistry between the cast and the characters never feel flimsy.

The stories are great fun – be they set on another planet full of interplanetary babes or back on Earth in a parallel dimension – and set conventions still followed today.

The originals must be among the most iconic TV shows ever made and stand the test of time.

Those well known catchphrases come at every turn, while William Shatner's bizarre delivery of his lines never fails to raise a smile.

The original series is probably the most iconic show of all time, so any self-respecting telly addict needs to tune in at least once.

As Spock would say: "It's the only logical choice, Captain."

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
**FINANCIAL** restrictions may force you to scale back holiday plans. This is a real disappointment, but try not to dwell on it. There is a lot to salvage from this situation and you don't need a lot of cash to enjoy yourself. The more upbeat you are, the more luck you will attract.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
**A NEW** source of income will have some strings attached. You won't have the level of creative freedom you had in the past. This is really difficult for someone like you, but you have to admit you need the cash. Happily, you will be able to work on your own projects after hours.  
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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
**YOU'RE** not sure what to make of some new acquaintances. The difference in your incomes may be hard to overlook. Still, it might be wise to set aside your prejudices. The longer you know these people, the more you'll realise your preconceptions were ridiculous.  
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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
**YOU** may want a more exciting love life, but the opportunity may not be there. Maybe you can't find the right partner. If you're in a relationship, your mate may be reluctant to explore unknown territory. Whatever the situation, you need to prepare for a disappointment.  
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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
**YOUR** home life could be undermined by a new relationship. It seems as though your family doesn't approve of someone who is dear to your heart. In situations like these, you need to make a choice. Trying to have a foot in both camps will just make everyone miserable.  
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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 21)  
**IF** you're eager to assert your independence, you need to make some changes. Moving into your own place and assuming adult responsibilities are part of the equation. Although it's hard to relinquish some of your creature comforts you'll be glad you took the plunge.  
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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
**A CAREER** opportunity may force you to put in very long hours at the office. Although you're not thrilled at the prospect of having your social life curtailed you can't turn away this position. Paying your dues now will yield significant rewards in the near future.  
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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
**PEOPLE** may not approve of a business or romantic association, but it's really none of their business. Happily, you've got too much sense to heed public opinion. This may not be the case with your partner, though. It's up to you to assuage their fears.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
**IF** you want to make a good impression you need to lighten up. Although your dedication to your job is admirable, it's also a warning bell to anyone who might be romantically inclined toward you. Nobody wants to get involved with a workaholic. Draw on your hidden reserves.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752

**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
**DISTURBING** memories could stop you from being honest with a colleague. This is not a good week to accept a job or negotiate a contract. Wait until next month to commit or you could feel pressured into accepting terms that will make you miserable.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
**UNFORESEEN** problems could block your progress. It may be necessary to drop an ambitious plan or take a menial job. Try not to let this undermine close relationships. Sure, someone could make an insensitive remark. When that happens, voice your displeasure and move on.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
**A NEW** job will force you to learn some advanced skills. It won't be easy to master these lessons. In fact, it may take years for you to become an expert. Still, your hard work and diligence will pay off. If you're trying to lose weight, don't beat yourself up if you fall off the wagon.  
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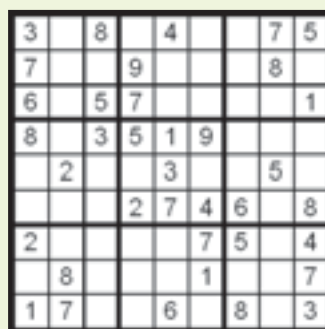
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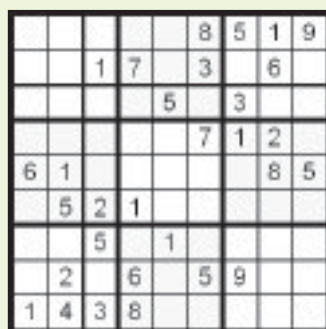
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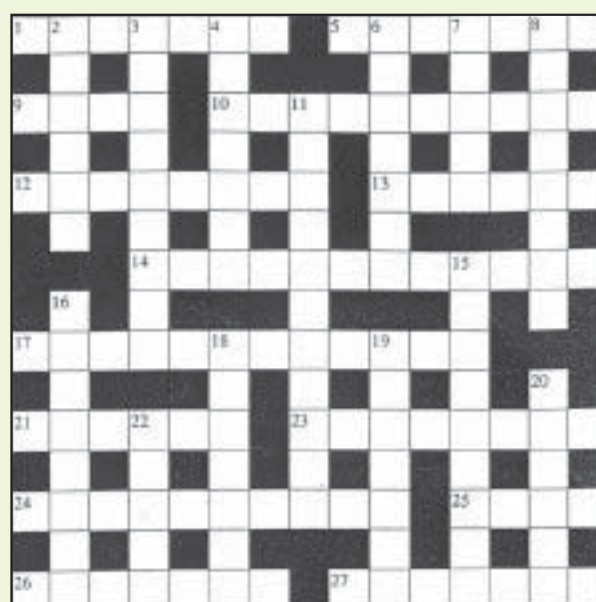
### ACROSS

- 1 Mineral Ronald takes round in anger (4,3)
- 5 Evasive action taken before a deal is made (7)
- 9 Admit it is part of a vowel (4)
- 10 Made to include square construction in disguise (10)
- 12 Toiling over inclusion of a design that has been engraved (8)
- 13 The doctrine of belief in one God (6)
- 14 Through which one is unwavering in devotion to a party (5-3-4)
- 17 Feeling one's suffering (12)
- 21 Unusual task for casual worker (3-3)
- 23 High-ranking officials in the band? (3-5)
- 24 Different status seen using mental sharpness (10)
- 25 One foot included by Liam. Both? (4)
- 26 Devils clutching leading revolutionary allies (7)
- 27 City key worn out (3,4)

### DOWN

- 2 Called about six who were talking wildly (6)
- 3 Modern fortress on Tyneside (9)
- 4 Balmier sort of earth used for embankment (7)
- 6 No shout emanating from Texan city (7)
- 7 Plant first, say (5)
- 8 Peeress's joint title (8)
- 11 Totis necktie, knitted fabric (11)
- 15 Beastly flower? (5-4)
- 16 Love to have eleven bumpy rides with chemical agent (8)
- 18 Generate within using available strain (7)
- 19 I'm past my best as a result of the deadlock (7)
- 20 In alumni, some resistance to atomic nucleus (6)
- 22 First person in France trapped Lou struggling with little energy (5)

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## QUICK CLUES

### ACROSS

- 1 Couple (7)
- 5 Opposed (7)
- 9 Constant change (4)
- 10 Supervisor (10)
- 12 In unison (8)
- 13 Madness (6)
- 14 NE US state (3,9)
- 17 Secure an easy victory (3,5,4)
- 21 Glowing (6)
- 23 Elementary particle (8)
- 24 Wound up a company (10)
- 25 Require (4)
- 26 Accuse of treason (7)
- 27 French composer (7)

### DOWN

- 2 Have a mudbath (6)
- 3 Half of an eighth (9)
- 4 Gospel writer (7)
- 6 Pinafore dress (7)
- 7 Norwegian dramatist (5)
- 8 Seconder (anag.) (8)
- 11 Computer program (11)
- 15 Small drying cloth (9)
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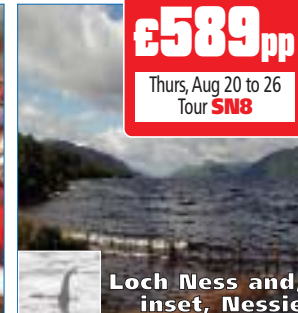
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**ACROSS:** 1 Corner shop 7 Ives 9 Reprisal 10 Ramjet 11 Decapitate 14 Downbeat 15 Tarzan 16 Grudge 18 Dismally 20 Conquering 23 Strafe 24 Teetotal 25 Brie 26 Throttling. **DOWN:** 2 Oxen 3 Nark 4 Residue 5 Hellcat 6 Parapet 7 Immaterial 8 Eventually 12 Four-poster 13 Inadequate 17 Element 18 Drifter 19 Suggest 21 Wool 22 Lawn.

## QUICK SOLUTION No89

**ACROSS:** 1 Twosome 5 Against 9 Flux 10 Taskmaster 12 Together 13 Linney 14 New Hampshire 17 With hands down 21 Agean 23 Election 24 Liquidated 25 Went 26 Impeach 27 Berlioz **DOWN:** 2 Willow 3 Sixteenth 4 Matthew 6 Gymnast 7 Ibsen 8 Seedcorn 11 Spreadsheet 15 Handtower 16 Tarzan 16 Grudge 18 Dismally 20 Conquering 23 Strafe 24 Teetotal 25 Brie 26 Throttling.

Answers to all of this week's quizzes can be found on our website



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■ BY LESLEY RICHARDSON

AFTER one capsized too many, Spliff, our lazy-eyed Antiguan sailing instructor, decided to call it a day.

It wasn't the capsizing or the getting wet that abruptly ended our class, it was the array of minor injuries we'd all accumulated.

A bloodied head, bruised thigh and the black needles of at least three sea urchins speared into one trainee's bare feet before Spliff – real name Cliff – took us in with a polite “thank you for your cooperation”.

Lesson one: bring waterproof shoes to a Sunsail holiday.

Spliff was teaching us to tack a Topaz dinghy as part of the Royal Yachting

## Get onboard with Club Javelin

Association beginners' course on Turkey's delightful Bodrum peninsula with his legendary mantra of doing everything in a relaxing manner, nice and “smooth”.

It was plain sailing while aboard the training dinghy, safely on the beach and going nowhere.

Out on the water, it was a different story trying to balance with the winds flapping against the sail, avoiding a head thwack from the boom and trying not to crash into other hapless craft in the training bay.

Out in Camel Bay, the conditions are ideal for the experienced skipper – in fact, Club Javelin's motto is “designed by sailors as a club for sailors”.

It's obviously a concept which appeals to all age groups. Early in the morning, the lighter winds in the sheltered training bay are ideal for beginner sailors and windsurfers.

The children's clubs – for all ages – also take to the water to learn or develop watersports skills.

Luckily the club has £40,000 worth of safety boats on patrol ready to give any hapless sailor drifting out to sea a lift back ashore.

Club Javelin also offers thrill-seekers the chance to waterski, wakeboard and ride in an inflatable Ringo, all at extra price.

And after an active day in the sun, the only remedy for a tired and salty sailor is to crash

out on the soft cushions of the jetty bar with a cool beer or two.

Parents don't have to feel guilty about abandoning their little ones for the entire day, and evening, too. They are likely to have had far too much fun to spare a thought for the oldies – trying out all kinds of watersports, landsports such as cycling or tennis, or arts and crafts.

Club Javelin recently had a £3 million facelift, with a completely new development built from the existing hotel.

And for those with cabin fever, Bodrum is a bus-ride away with its bustling markets, cafés and harbourside restaurants.

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Climate	Mediterranean

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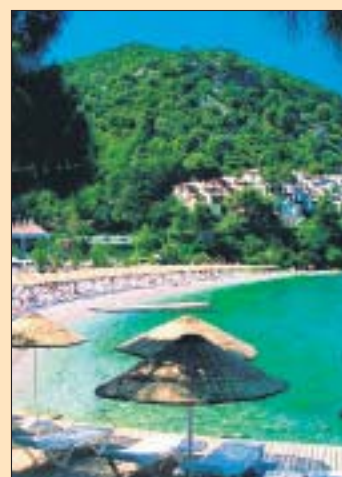
Lesley Richardson was a guest of Sunsail, which offers seven-night all-inclusive holidays in Club Javelin on the Bodrum peninsula from £789.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Repossession gloom lifted by Q1 figures

REPOSSESSION predictions for 2009, which were forecast at 75,000, were "pessimistic" according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML).

The CML had predicted the number for the year as a whole, but has now said the forecast is not as gloomy as at first thought, after analysing repossession figures for quarter one.

There were 12,800 repossessions by first-charge mortgage lenders, including buy-to-let, compared with 8,500 for the same quarter last year.

Although the number of repossessions was rising, the CML was optimistic its first forecast for the year had been too negative and will be revising the figure in its next housing market forecast.

Director general Michael Coogan said: "Despite technical issues this quarter affecting our ability to compare arrears and possession rates with earlier periods, it is clear mortgage arrears continued to increase.

"So did repossessions, but not as much as our 75,000 forecast figure for the year would suggest.

"So our forecast now looks pessimistic and we expect to revise it over the next month or so.

"Lenders are acutely conscious that behind the statistics are real people, many of whom are affected by the economic downturn and its impact on jobs, changes in circumstances and inability to refinance."

### 'Reluctant landlords' numbered in millions

FIVE million homeowners across the UK have considered renting out their home or rooms to survive the economic downturn.

Research from Unbiased.co.uk found many have considered becoming 'reluctant landlords', with younger home-owners hit hardest by the recession.

A third of those considering becoming landlords are debating whether to rent their property because they cannot sell it without making a loss.

Richard Winder, of Unbiased.co.uk, said: "The boom years created a wave of have-a-go landlords attracted by the promise of rising property prices and cheap buy-to-let finance.

"Now we're seeing a new wave who may end up reluctant landlords because they need more money and don't want to sell up in the current market."



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ON THE MOVE: More homes were sold in April than at any time since October 2007, and 100,000 properties came onto the market in the same month

BY NICK AMES

ESTATE agents sold more homes in April than in any other month since October 2007, according to new figures.

Statistics released by the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA) revealed the average estate agent sold 10 properties last month.

This was up from just eight per agent in March, and doubling from the low of five seen in August 2008.

Figures from analysts Globrix also highlight a possible reason for the increase in sales. They found sellers were returning to the market, with 100,000 new properties advertised in April.

The figures will provide a boost to the market and offer further evidence that while recovery might not be just around the corner, the prospects are looking healthier than for many months.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of the NAEA, said: "What we are beginning to see now are consistent positive indicators that have held firm or improved since the begin-

# Signs of hope as buyers return

ning of the year.

"Six months ago people were talking about how Britons' attitude to owning property had changed in the recession.

"The NAEA always said this was nonsense, and that demand for property remained strong, but confidence in the market had gone.

"These figures show confidence is returning."

But market analysts said the figures needed to be treated with caution and warned there could still be hard times ahead.

A rise in interest rates could cause the market to dip once again.

Daniel Lee, chief executive of Globrix, said:

"It would be foolhardy to start believing we're at the bottom simply because buyers and sellers are returning to the market.

"There are still likely to be rough waters ahead given the economic climate, particularly if interest rates start to rise.

"There is no doubt that this increase in buyer activity has had a knock-on effect with sellers, many of whom had taken their properties off the market because they were resigned to the fact that there was little hope of finding a buyer.

"Now that sellers believe buyers are out there, they are returning in droves."

## Don't let interior design become inferior design

WITH homeowners spending a reported £11.3 billion on DIY products last year, it may appear that "getting someone in" is a thing of the past.

But there are many projects in the home that may require the skills of a trained professional.

Interior designer Ceri Rocca explains when it's best to go it alone, and when it may be better to reach for the phone in order to avoid a DIY mishap.

She said: "Improving our homes is still at the top of most people's 'to do

list, with recent research suggesting that seven in ten of us think it's important to spend money on our property as an investment for the future.

"And with six in every ten planning on decorating soon, it seems the desire for change is as strong as ever.

"Despite this, many of us are trying to cut costs, so it's tempting to turn our hand to interior projects in order to avoid a hefty fee.

"Some jobs, however, may be a step too far for a budding amateur, result-

ing in a less than satisfying finish and an even larger bill to rectify the mistakes. There are jobs that certainly need to be looked at by a skilled specialist. Any major work that involves electrics or plumbing for example, requires a trained eye, as they can prove extremely dangerous in the wrong hands.

"You only have to consider the fact that about 200,000 people are hospitalised in the UK every year due to DIY related injuries, to realise that it's not worth the risk."



WARNING: Ceri Rocca

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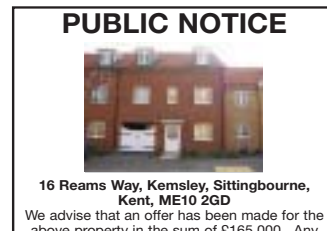
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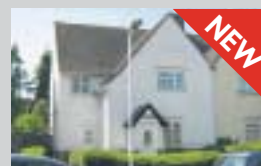
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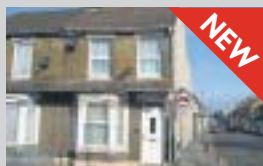
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Haynes Ford dealership gets visit from top boss

KENT'S first-ever Ford dealership, Haynes of Maidstone, which gained the franchise in 1911, was visited by current Ford of Britain chiefs MD Nigel Sharp and sales director Jon Wellsman, with district manager Paul Flanagan.

They met with Haynes' MD Andrew Haynes and operations director Peter Wright, who reported sales ahead of expectations, helped by the new Fiesta and Ka small cars and inquiries about the Government's 'new for old' scrappage scheme for 10-year-old vehicles.



### Impressive first drives in transformed Mazda

FIRST drives of the new Mazda3 reveal a lighter, brighter transformation of the previous car.

More stylish and muscular with a smarter cabin and even better handling than before, it seems no accident that it wears a big wide grin on the front.

There are two new 2.2-litre sporting diesels offered: the lively 150PS (148bhp) impressed, so the 185PS will be a flier. The 109PS (107bhp) 1.6-litre 'cooking' diesel will sell more though, but can be gruff under pressure. **SL**



### Council planner comes up trumps with MiTo

DELIGHTED Samantha Beatty is pictured with keys to a sporty new Alfa MiTo after winning a prize draw at Lipscomb of Aylesford, Maidstone.

Samantha, 30, from Rainham, qualified for the draw after test-driving the supermini with sister Holly. She has won six months' use of a 1.4-litre 155bhp Lusso model.

The council planning research officer said: "It was such a nice surprise to get the phone call telling me I had won. I have absolutely loved driving it around."



**LONGER LASTING:** Peugeot has aimed for MPV-style seating flexibility and the 308SW can be bought with seven seats with all five rear seats able to fold flat individually

# Peugeot's 308 steering clear of the MPV sector

NOT being a huge MPV fan, I like Peugeot's pragmatic though rather un-Gallic approach to this sector.

Instead of tooling up for stand alone people carrier models – though its Citroën stablemate has done the opposite with the Picasso MPV sub-brand – Peugeot has dosed standard car models with steroids.

These pumped up station wagon or SWs have, therefore, retained car-like characteristics rather than taking on the lumbering gait of most MPVs, while gaining more room than a stretched standard hatchback.

The ploy is not perfect, of course: you don't get the elevated driving position or headroom of an MPV, but you avoid that 'stuck in the crow's nest during a gale' feeling on the bends.

Peugeot has aimed for MPV-style seating flexibility too and the 308SW (from £16,145) tested here, can be bought with seven seats – not bad for a Ford Focus class contender.

All five rear seats fold flat individually or may be removed for various passenger/load permutations and the front passenger seat folds for particularly long loads.

The two rear-most seats are a struggle to

## ROAD TEST PEUGEOT 308SW

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

access though and adults would find that their knees gain a higher viewing point, but we are talking 'occasional' use here – anyone needing seven seats regularly should shop for a proper MPV.

And if you are not in row three, the 308SW is a nice place to be: the cabin is really classy and glassy and airiness is enhanced on upmarket models by a massive glass roof with an electric blind – you feel like you are flying a light aircraft.

But you remain grounded because the 308's Achilles heel is a chassis largely carried over from its 307 predecessor, making the 308 unsettled at times.

It leans on bends a little too, despite being more low slung than an MPV – but this car might have to cater for seven bodies or a crammed cargo area.

The 110PS (109bhp) 1.6-litre turbodiesel of the test car – a £20,795 SE flagship – is the best 308 engine I've driven, delivering reasonable power (0-60mph in 12.5 seconds), excellent refinement and averaging 50+mpg, but if you plan to use the SW's load-carrying prowess to the max then check out the more powerful petrol and diesel options available.



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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### FAMILY ESTATES

VAUXHALL'S stylish new Insignia Sports Tourer is a far cry from its rather more utilitarian predecessor, the final Vectra Estate. But there is a recession on and the capacious Vectra 'holdall' is a bargain alternative for big families hunting an MPV. Estates have also cast off their old 'tradesman' tag in recent years and now revel in a more upmarket 'lifestyle' image, yet our three candidates are still serious load luggers – even the baby, the Nissan Primera, accepts 1,700 litres of luggage – and they are available with good diesel powertrains.

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#### VAUXHALL VECTRA ESTATE



NO contemporary mainstream estate model could match the big Vauxhall for capacity. The boot carries 530 litres, but folding the rear seats boosts load capacity to 1,850 litres – a sharp contrast to the wimpy Vectra estate that preceded it. This is also a purposeful-looking load lugger that feels well-built and drives well. Unfortunately, smaller engines make hard work of it when the Vectra is loaded to capacity, so go for the bigger petrol units or excellent CDTi turbodiesels instead.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### NISSAN PRIMERA ESTATE



ADDING an estate car rear to the standard hatchback toned down the futuristic styling of the final Primera – some might say, for the better – and created one of the nicest yet underrated estates on the market. You get a sharp handling, spacious and reliable load lugger that comes with plenty of standard kit; buy the refined and economical turbodiesel and you will have been really smart, though the slippery Primera lines make all versions refined and economical for their class.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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## Kent League Division Three

## Upchurch 1st XI v OD CUACO 1st XI

UPCHURCH skipper Dean Headley led from the front at the weekend, leading his side to a huge 167-run win against OD CUACO.

The former Kent and England fast bowler hit a belligerent 137 from 139 balls, including 13 fours and four sixes to help his side score a commanding 300 for 5.

He lost opening partner Jim Phillips (5) early on, while Lee Taylor (23) and Michael Hales junior (5) both came and went before Headley put on a 104-run partnership with Marc Bond.

Bond, on his debut for the club after moving from Rodmersham at the beginning of the season, struck a quickfire 71 from 69 balls which featured eight boundaries and one six.

After Headley's vigil was finally ended, Michael Hales smashed 30 from just 20 balls to help Upchurch to 300.

After being forced to chase the ball all over the ground, OD CUACO's reply got off to the worst possible start when opener Aaron White was ousted by Daniel Parker for a first ball duck.

Craig Bewick then accounted for Mohammed Rifan without scoring, leaving the visitors in real trouble at 3 for 2 and starring down the barrel.

Graham Ward (28) and Stuart Dickenson (38) helped steady the ship, putting on 75 for the third wicket, before Adam Hodder took both their wickets leaving them 78 for 4.

It was then left to leg-spinner Michael Hales junior to clear up then OD CUACO tail to finish with figures of 4 for 14 from five overs as the visitors were bowled out for 133 with more than 12 overs to spare.

## Deano shows how it's done as Upchurch cruise to win



FREE SWINGING: Dean Headley proved he is still a handful with the bat too as his 137 off 139 balls helped Upchurch to victory

## SCOREBOARD

## Upchurch

	Runs
Dean Headley ct Williamson b White	137
Jim Phillips ct Williamson b O'Rourke	5
Lee Taylor ct Sivarajan b Smedley	23
Michael Hales Jnr lbw b O'Rourke	5
Marc Bond not out	71
Michael Hales b O'Rourke	32
Adam Hodder not out	6
Daniel Parker did not bat	
Bradleigh Barrett did not bat	
Jimmy Collins did not bat	
Craig Bewick did not bat	

Extras (14b 7w)	21
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)	300

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Patrick O'Rourke	15	1	56	3
Siva Sivarajan	12	1	84	0
Tim Smedley	7	1	28	1
Mohammed Rifan	11	1	67	0
Greg White	5	0	51	1

## OD CUACO

	Runs
Graham Ward ct Headley b Hodder	28
Aaron White ct Hales Jnr b Parker	0
Mohammed Rifan ct Hodder b Bewick	0
Stuart Dickenson ct Hales b Hodder	38
Patrick O'Rourke lbw b Hodder	2
D Wijayarathnam ct Collins b Hales Jnr	13
Greg White ct Hodder b Hodder	10
Siva Sivarajan ct Headley b Hales Jnr	0
David Mew not out	18
Tim Smedley lbw b Hales Jnr	0
Gary Williamson ct Collins b Hales Jnr	2

Extras (7b 11b 14w)	22
Total (all out, 37.4 overs)	133

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	8	0	32	1
Craig Bewick	8	3	28	1
Adam Hodder	11	1	47	4
Marc Bond	5	4	4	0
Michael Hales Jnr	5.4	1	14	4

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION  
Sevenoaks Vine 1st XI v Gore Court 1st XI

GORE Court's clash with Sevenoaks Vine ended in a winning draw for the Swale side in a high scoring game at The Vine.

After defeats in their opening two games, Court welcomed back Steve Marsh and Kent batsman Sam Northeast and the pair made an instant impression. Marsh hit 93 while Northeast scored 115 on his debut to help Court to a massive 330 for 7.

Vine's Michael Barber hit 85 in reply and Kent's Simon Cook scored 56 as Vine scored 303 for 8, leaving Court two wickets short of victory.

## Gore Court

	Runs
<b>Sam Northeast</b>	.ct Blackaby b Cook. 115
<b>Steve Marsh</b>	.b Bowden. 93
<b>Dominic Campbell</b>	.lbw b Raymer 4
<b>Chris Piesley</b>	.b Holmes 26
<b>Kevin Jones</b>	.ct Williams b Cook 1
<b>Christian Marsh</b>	.not out 34
<b>Karl Pearson</b>	.lbw b Cook 4
<b>Richard Piesley</b>	.ct Blackaby b Holmes 25
<b>Shaun Piesley</b>	.not out 4
<b>Rob Slater</b>	.did not bat
<b>Alex Edwards</b>	.did not bat
<b>Extras</b>	.(8b 2lb 6w 8nb) 24
<b>Total</b>	.(7 wickets, 55 overs) 330

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Simon Cook	13	0	63	3
James Day	5	0	31	0
Maurice Holmes	11	0	71	2
John Greenidge	6	0	48	0
Luke Blackaby	5	0	30	0
John Bowden	9	1	47	1
Alex Rayner	7	0	30	1

## Sevenoaks Vine

		Runs
John Bowden	st C Marsh b C Piesley	49
Alexander Williams	ct Slater b Jones	12
Josh Staines	ct Slater b Jones	5
Luke Blackaby	ct C Marsh b Jones	29
Michael Barber	run out	85
Simon Cook	lbw b Pearson	56
Anthony Shales	ct Edwards b C Piesley	25
Alex Rayner	not out	11
James Day	ct C Piesley b Pearson	17
John Greenidge	not out	0
Maurice Holmes	did not bat	

Extras	(1b 3lb 15w)	19
Total	(8 wickets, 55 overs)	308

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Kevin Jones	13	1	55	4
Karl Pearson	12	0	79	2
Chris Piesley	15	0	82	2
Sam Northeast	10	1	49	0
Alex Edwards	5	0	39	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE  
Minster 1st XI v Linden Park 1st XI

MINSTER secured their third win in a row with a narrow three-wicket win against Linden Park at Gilbert Hall.

South African Nathan Nichol took 3 for 30 and skipper James White claimed 2 for 42 as Linden Park limped to 160 for 8 from their 50 overs.

In reply, Minster also found batting difficult and were indebted to Mark Tucker's 48 at the top of the innings to set them on their way.

After a succession of wickets in which John Harvey took 4 for 56, Nichol's unbeaten 19 late on saw Minster home with 16 balls to spare.

## Linden Park

		Runs
Tom Williams	ct O'Donoghue b Hammond	41
Neil Stephens	ct Mitchell b Nichol	0
Stuart Clarke	ct Hosken b Weller	23
Abhijit Kale	run out	26
John Harvey	b White	13
Ian Broadrick	ct Tucker b White	8
Duncan Saunders	ct Hughes b Nichol	6
Dominic Lanaway	not out	23
Brian Gasking	b Nichol	6
James Saunders	not out	2
Edward Humphrey	did not bat	

Extras	(3lb 7w 1nb)	11
Total	(8 wickets, 50 overs)	160

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Nathan Nichol	15	5	30	3
James White	14	1	42	2
Jordan Weller	7	0	43	1
Martin Hammond	13	2	36	1
Mark Tucker	1	0	7	0

## Minster

	Runs
Brad Mitchell	c & b Harvey 18
Mark Tucker	c & b Harvey 48
Andy Hosken	lbw b Harvey 22
Joe O'Donoghue	b Kale 1
Craig O'Donoghue	lbw b Harvey 23
Neil Hosken	not out 10
James White	st Saunders b Kale 8
Callum Hughes	b Lanaway 0
Nathan Nichol	not out 19
Jordan Weller	did not bat
Martin Hammond	did not bat

Extras	(8b 1lb 1w 1nb)	11
Total	(7 wickets, 47.2 overs)	161

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Dominic Lanaway	13.2	2	47	1
Edward Humphrey	5	2	17	0
John Harvey	15	2	56	4
Abhijit Kale	14	5	30	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR  
Rodmersham 1st XI v Ashford Town 3rd XI

SKIPPER Darren Nokes and fast bowler Sandeep Rodrigo were the stars of the show as they helped Rodmersham comfortably beat Ashford Town 3rd XI by 77-runs.

Dave Cogger's 51 got the home side off to a solid start before Robert Horne hit an excellent unbeaten 65, before Nokes hit an attacking 55 not out which allowed his side to declare early.

It was left to Rodrigo who bowled a devastating spell of 6 for 28, ably supported by Dylan Emmett (2 for 19), which saw Ashford all out for 177 after 51 overs, justifying Nokes' decision to declare early.

## Rodmersham

		Runs
Dylan Emmett	ct Wooding b Cooper	4
Dave Cogger	ct Wooding b Boatfield	51
Jamie Horne	lbw b Cooper	26
Sandeep Rodrigo	b Boatfield	25
Robert Horne	not out	65
Michael Willis	b Boatfield	0
Darren Nokes	not out	55
Steve Willis	did not bat	
Nazoomi Azhar	did not bat	
Jack Bayford	did not bat	
Trevor Jackson	did not bat	

Extras	(1b 2lb 19w 6nb)	28
Total	(5 wickets dec, 46 overs)	254

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Darren Cooper	15	4	41	2
Matthew Eccles	9	1	59	0
Steve Tanner	8	0	81	0
Alex Boatfield	8	0	42	3
Luca Sardo	6	2	28	0

## Ashford Town

Howard Wooding	lbw b Jackson	31
Joseph Jolley	ct Horne b Emmett	1
David Coulson	ct Horne b Emmett	74
Matthew Eccles	ct Bayford b Rodrigo	29
Alex Boatfield	b Rodrigo	10
Steve Tanner	ct Bayford b Azhar	0
Darren Cooper	b Rodrigo	0
Luca Sardo	b Rodrigo	5
Mark Gill	b Rodrigo	0
Simon Woodhams	not out	0
Trevor Beech	b Rodrigo	0

Extras	(15b 12w)	27
Total	(all out, 51 overs)	177

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	13	6	28	6
Dylan Emmett	10	2	19	2
Nazoomi Azhar	13	5	24	1
Darren Nokes	8	2	41	0
Jack Bayford	2	0	18	0
Michael Willis	2	0	10	0
Trevor Jackson	3	0	22	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE  
Offham 1st XI v Bapchild 1st XI

A GRITTY unbeaten 81 from Ben Fulton ensured his side came away with a losing draw at Offham at the weekend.

The home side racked up 266 for 7 thanks to Tom Gittings' 89, with Alan Hampton (3 for 75) the pick of the Bapchild attack.

In reply, after John Heatley and Hampton both got starts but got out, Bapchild suffered a mid order collapse and it was left to Fulton to keep the Offham attack at bay as the Swale side ended on 177 for 8.

## Offham

		Runs
<b>Graham Razez</b>	ct Bryden b Larking	4
<b>Tom Gittings</b>	ct Fulton b Hampton	89
<b>Leonard Watt</b>	ct Bryden b Wood	14
<b>Ben Gittings</b>	run out	37
<b>Nathan Faulkes</b>	lbw Hampton	36
<b>Andrew Stuart</b>	b Roche	7
<b>Lawrence Bell</b>	b Hampton	29
<b>Mervyn Brooker</b>	not out	12
<b>Andy Cox</b>	not out	20
<b>Steve Meralis</b>	did not bat	
<b>Dan Walton</b>	did not bat	

Extras		15
Total	(7 wickets, 50 overs)	266

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Barry Wood	8	0	30	1
Adam Larking	5	0	25	0
Matthew Roche	15	1	55	1
Alan Hampton	13	1	75	3
Ben Fulton	4	0	21	0
Lincoln Bryden	5	0	41	0

## Bapchild

	Runs
John Heatley	ct Stuart b Cox 14
Alan Hampton	ct Razez b Watt 19
Ben Fulton	not out 81
Adam Larking	ct Watt b Blakeburn 6
Lincoln Bryden	lbw Hallbrook 9
Lee Cogger	b Hallbrook 0
Henry Fairweather	b Brooker 19
Matthew Roche	ct Watt b Razez 4
Andrew Trigwell	b Brooker 5
Cameron Archbold	not out 8
Phillip Bone	did not bat 0

Extras		13
Total		177

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Leonard Watt	13	3	43	1
Andy Cox	10	2	30	1
Daniel Blakeburn	6	0	38	1
Simon Hallbrook	6	2	23	2
Graham Razez	6	0	21	2
Mervyn Brooker	6	0	21	2



# Bourne boss fed up with waiting game

Picture: GOR KUPCO



**INS AND OUTS:** Gary Abbott hopes to keep most of his squad at Bourne Park

SITTINGBOURNE boss Gary Abbott hates this part of the year as he waits to learn who wants to stay at Bourne Park and who wants to go.

The Brickies manager hopes to keep the majority of his squad, although question marks still hang over the future of defender Matt Bourne and strikers Tom Bradbrook and Elie Kayembe.

Bradbrook has indicated a willingness to return although the forward has still not shaken off the knee injury that ruled him out for the end of season run-in.

Abbott hopes Bourne will commit for next season in the coming

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weeks, but one player who looks set to be on his way out of Bourne Park is midfielder Mark De Bolla.

The Sittingbourne manager had hoped De Bolla would stay, but told Yoursware that the former Gravesend & Northfleet midfielder looks like he is heading for the USA.

Never one to get bogged down with the potential of losing some of his better players, Abbott is already in contact with several new players, including a midfield-

er and a winger and hopes to be able to tie them up shortly.

For now, it's just a case of waiting until pre-season gets underway.

He said: "Most of the players want to stay and I have a few others that have indicated an interest in coming down to pre-season when that starts up.

"Until pre-season starts up it's just a waiting game which is a bit of a nightmare really.

"With Maidstone leaving as well, we are having to wait to see what happens there which will have an effect on the budget I have."

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Picture: ADY KERRY

**DESERVED:** Stuart Lewis (right) celebrates as the final whistle blows at Wembley

## Stimson: 'We got the rewards we deserved'

GILLINGHAM boss Mark Stimson described the club's League Two play-off win as the best of his managerial career as he led his side back to League One at the first attempt.

Simeon Jackson's 90th minute header won it for the Gills as they deservedly beat Shrewsbury Town 1-0 in a good advert for the Football League at a sunny Wembley Stadium.

The Gills boss, who was in charge when the side were relegated from League One last season, said the credit goes to his players who have put the effort in over the course of the season.

He said: "I'm proud. It's taken a lot of hard work and that's the game we are in, if you don't put the hard work in you don't get the rewards and I thought we got the rewards we deserved.

### Credit

"Full credit to the boys, they did what they've done for a long while now. I was quite comfortable if it went into extra time and penalties that we would come out winners."

After taking his fair share of criticism since he took over in November 2007, Stimson, who has tasted victory at Wembley with Stevenage Borough in the FA Trophy, said the play-off win goes some way to making up for the ignominy of relegation last season.

He said: "Relegation hurts more than you can imagine and we had to get over that. It means a lot financially, a hell of a lot and with some of the big teams like Leeds United, you can attract 9,000 to 10,000 to watch it.

"I'm sure we will be trying to make it attractive as possible to get as many of that 30,000 crowd back to Priestfield to cheer us on and be proud to support their local team."



Picture: TONY GRAY

**NEW ARRIVALS:** (l-r) Dale Skelton, James Gregory, Michael Smissen and Rob French have signed for manager as manager Justin Luchford (back) looks to strengthen his squad

# Faversham signings show Luchford means business

FAVERSHAM Town have laid down a statement of intent before the start of the new season after making four high-profile signings.

Town boss Justin Luchford has signed the Hythe duo of Michael 'Buster' Smissen and Dale Skelton, goalkeeper Rob French from Ebbsfleet and Margate defender James Gregory.

All of last season's squad, including leading scorer Damian Abel and skipper Lee Shearer, have all confirmed they will also be staying with the Salters Lane club.

With Abel, who scored 23 goals last season, and Smissen, who hit an amazing 47 for Hythe the season before, the Lilywhites are likely to have a dangerous forward line.

Luchford said: "Buster has turned down a

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number of clubs to join us and for that I am very thankful.

"He turns his focus now on getting himself back to full fitness and with our physios and fitness staff he will be more than ready come the pre-season games.

"It is a massive signing for the club, and probably gives us the most potent strike force in the league, if we are firing on all cylinders."

Gregory joins Town from Ryman Premier side Margate where he played in the main at left-back or left-wing, while Skelton was a regular in Hythe's back four. Rob French has

spent the last three years at Ebbsfleet and was on loan at Sittingbourne for a spell last season, and he is expected to take over as number one after Kevin Readings left at the end of the last campaign.

The signings have given Luchford cause for optimism and he, together with a new management structure which includes Clive Walker, Ray Turner and goalkeeper coach Scott Davenport, hopes to bring success to Salters Lane.

He said: "As I have said since I have been here, every year I want to improve. Next year is no different.

"We finished with 61 points and next year we will work to better that. In addition, I would also like to go one better in a cup and give something back to the fans as they deserve a cup final."

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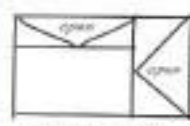
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